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Flap over Dinitz's expenses

NEW YORK (JTA) — Disclosures that Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz improperly charged private expenses to his official credit card promise to further strain the Agency's already tense Israel-Diaspora partnership.

The legal adviser to the Jewish Agency, the quasi-governmental body funded by Diaspora contributions, has ruled that there was no wrongful intent in Dinitz's actions, for which he subsequently reimbursed the Agency more than $20,000.

But two Israeli Knesset members, Limor Livnat of Likud and Eliezer Zandberg of Tsomet, filed complaints with the police and government legal adviser, asking that Dinitz be investigated for tax evasion related to the affair.

This scandal comes as Dinitz is caught between the two competing forces in the Jewish Agency: the Diaspora leaders who fund its budget and Israeli politicians active in the World Zionist Organization. **See story, page 9.**

HAPPY PURIM

Be happy, it's Adar! Children at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's Torah Tots Preschool get into the Purim spirit with great relish, painting their faces (with a little help from their teachers!) to become junior Mordechais, Hamans, and Queen Esthers. These children are proudly displaying shalach manot baskets they made themselves.

Montreal population stays stable

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The new data on the ethnicity of Canadians from the 1991 census indicate that projections on the decline of the Montreal Jewish community have been overly pessimistic.

The figures show that in June 1991, there were 95,825 people in Quebec who identified their ethnic origin as Jewish, either as a single response, or part of a multiple answer. Single-choice respondents numbered 76,785, while 19,040 named Jewish among two or more answers.

The 1986 census, distributed to one in five households, put the total ethnic Jewish population of Quebec at 96,470 — a difference of just 645, compared to 1991. Over 81,000 at that time were listed as Jewish according to a single response.

The last full census in 1981 found 101,365 Jews by religion. Although an ethnicity question was asked at that time, confusion over how it applied to Jews skewed the results to such an extent that they were considered unusable. In 1971, the census counted 114,000 Jews by religion.

Federation CJA demographer Charles Shahar agreed these data do point to a much stronger Jewish community in Montreal than many had expected. "We're pleasantly surprised, but cautiously optimistic."

It has become almost an article of faith among community planners that the Jewish population would fall to 89,000-92,000 by this time, if not less.

Certainly, immigration or migration from elsewhere in Canada has not been significant.

However, Shahar and other community professionals stress that the religion data, not due to be released until June, are still regarded as the most accurate count of the Montreal Jewish population.

The ethnicity question still perplexes many Jews, especially older ones, who often think ethnic origin is necessarily the same as nationality, such as Polish or Russian. Some may answer "Canadian" or leave a blank. This is the most likely reason for the high number of multiple-choice answers because intermarriage is relatively low in Quebec.

Shahar and McGill University social work professor Jim Torczyner, who heads a project analyzing census data on Jewish and other minority groups, both think the 1986 census underestimated the Jewish population because there was no religion question that year.

What is assumed is that the vast majority of those including Jewish as a part of a multiple answer are Jews by conventional definitions — either a Jewish mother or, the more liberal outlook, a sense of belonging to the Jewish community.

"In an older, more traditional community like Montreal, Jewish identification by religion is more accurate. On the other hand, the further west you go in Canada, Jewish identification by ethnicity is more common," said Torczyner, who is coordinator of the McGill Centre for Ethnicity and Strategic Social Planning.

He believes the religion answers will show an even larger number of Jews in Montreal.

"The real exodus took place after the election of the Parti Quebecois in 1976 and most had left by 1981. What we see now is university age students leaving Montreal to study elsewhere and perhaps not coming back. But this is happening all over North America."

Not surprisingly, 98 percent of Quebec Jews live in metropolitan Montreal (including Laval). The only other significant centres were Quebec City with 375 and Sherbrooke 245. There are a few surprises, though. Seventy Jews (or at least 70 persons who claimed Jewish as at least part of their ethnic background) were found in Trois-Rivieres and 20 in Chicoutimi, the heart of the francophone Lac St. Jean-Saguenay region.

Canadian Jewish Congress community relations director Jack Jedwab was also cheered by the data. "The much talked about exodus has not been proven true, despite the serious political problems here," he said.

"The impact of the recession on Ontario may have made that traditional refuge less attractive and people are staying here."

While he agreed the religion data are important in gaining an accurate picture, he said it is the ethnic figures that the government uses when it decides how to spend money on specific communities.

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Karen Mock (third from right), director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, is seen with (from left) Roz Lofsky, Barb Bregman, Noni Kushnir, Hedi Frisch and Charlene Linzon, all of B&P.

Mock outlines 'weapons' in battle against racism

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Despite a disinclination to using military language, Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, says that "a co-ordinated effort on several fronts using all the weapons we have is the only way to ensure that the battle against racism will be won." Mock spoke recently at Adath Israel Congregation about Combatting Hate to members of the Business and Professional Women's Network of United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus (B&P).

Three powerful weapons in the fight against racism are the law, community action and education, Mock said. To those who argue that bringing hatemongers to court provides them with a platform to spout propaganda, Mock answers that it is the media which gives hatemongers such prominent coverage. She stressed the need for balanced reporting and for making anti-racism as newsworthy as racism.

Co-ordinated community response is effective in fighting racism, Mock said, adding that community action is not restricted to demonstrating. Following the 1989 Aryanfest in Minden, Mock was invited to speak at a local church about the Jewish community and what to do in the face of hatemongers.

Mock arranged with the minister who had invited her to bring a B'nai Brith delegation to Minden, where the two groups met over lunch. Seating was arranged so that the Minden group and the B'nai Brith group were intermingled. Although Mock spoke at the lunch, the real program, she said, was the opportunity for people to talk to each other. "They saw that their goals and aspirations were very similar," she said.

Community action reduces fear, prejudice and stereotyping, while promoting security and solidarity, Mock has found.

Hate propaganda, in contrast, promotes a negative self-image in the target group and, by playing on people's doubts and fears, can wreak damage even in an unreceptive audience, Mock said. "That's why our community support is so important," she explained.

We've come a long way but we still have far to go, said Mock. "There is a need for education and awareness at every level."

Some of the problems in the educational system include a resistance to introducing Holocaust education and a sense of isolation among some young people who feel their only choice is to "take it to the streets."

Mock remains optimistic, she said. "We have seen children's behavior change through workshops. We have to develop a proactive and anti-racist curriculum."

Purim's optimistic themes reflected in literature

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — For such a minor (well, relatively speaking) holiday, Purim is amazingly popular.

Maybe it's because it tells the romantic and exciting story of a Jewish girl who becomes Queen of Persia, and, through courage and faith in G-d, overcomes the enemies of her people.

Maybe too it's because it's the first harbinger of spring. And this year especially that's a definite plus.

Literature about Purim tends to reflect this happy and hopeful state of mind.

The Purim Anthology is one of the series of holiday anthologies published by the Jewish Publication Society. It is full of stories, facts, poems, customs, humor, legends even recipes,that make it a fascinating, and fun, reading experience.

Among the more moving selections is an account of a Purim program put on by refugee children for their rescuers, American soldiers, during World War II.

The book was originally published before the establishment of the State of Israel, and, while one might like to see articles dealing with the actual, rather than the dreamed-of, homeland, it gives one a needed jolt to remember the yearning for a state that permeated generations before.

Among writers represented are Yehudah Halevi, Solomon Ibn Gabirol, Ravcine, Sholom Aleichem and Shmuel Agnon.

Fond of *Jeopardy?* Read the chapter Purim Curiosities. Did you know that the Book of Esther is the only book of the Bible containing the word kasher meaning fit? Or that the indefatigable Hadassah Organization is so named because it was begun on Purim (originally as an offshoot of the Daughters of Zion)?

The Jewish Publication Society has also issued a beautiful children's book, entitled simply *Esther*, by Miriam Chaikin, and with delightful illustrations by Vera Rosenberry.

The story is told in a straightforward and traditional manner, with none of the condescending tone with which many children's versions of Biblical stories often are. But the real star of the book is the pictures.

Although entirely black and white sketches, the shading and alternating widths of lines very effectively show the swirl and richness of Persian clothing, the blush on Esther's cheek, even the rage of Haman when forced to lead Mordechai through the streets of Shushan.

NEW CROP OF JEWISH LEADERS

The Leadership Development program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto recently celebrated its graduating participants with a brunch program. Allan Gould, keynote speaker for the event, gave a lively performance, peppered with Jewish content and insights. The graduates now go on to assume roles within governing boards of Jewish agencies throughout Toronto. Chaired by Roseanne Ain, the LD program is organized by the federation's Human Resources Development department. (Jay Brodbar photo)

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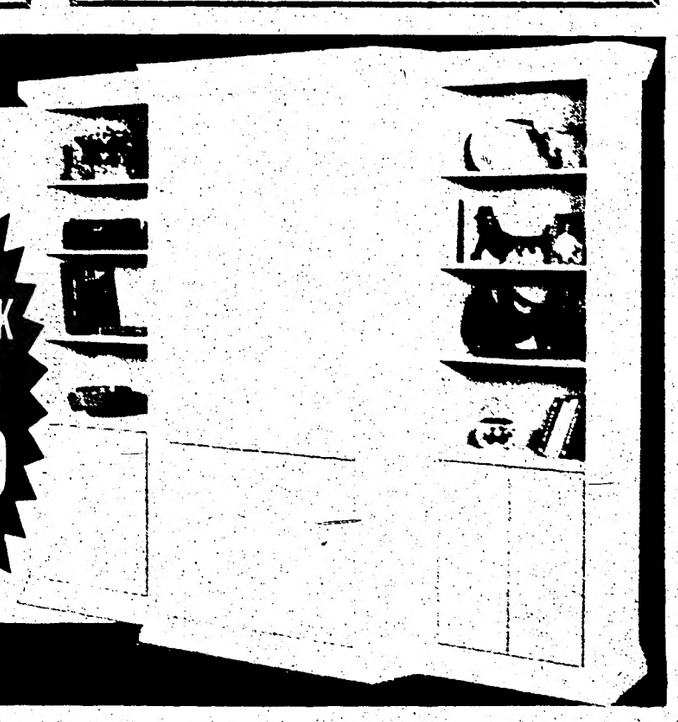

Greater Toronto area's 'ethnic' Jewish population on rise, '91 census shows

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — The 1991 census showed there were 114,730 people in the greater Toronto area who declared themselves Jewish by ethnic origin, statistics released last week indicate.

A further 41,420 people said they were ethnically Jewish but listed another or multiple ethnic origins, such as Canadian, Hungarian, Russian or other.

But officials from Statistics Canada caution that simply adding those two figures will not show how many Jews live in Toronto and environs.

For the first time in a decade, the 1991 national headcount asked Canadians' religion, and those numbers won't be released until May.

"Jewish" was a choice in two categories in the census. It was listed under religion as well as under ethnic origin. StatsCan came in for some criticism in the Jewish community because Jewish was the only faith to be listed as a choice under ethnic background.

Respondents had the option of listing their religion as well as their ethnic origin as Jewish, of saying their religion was Jewish but not their ethnic origin or of listing another faith (or no religion) but affiliating with Judaism ethnically.

There will be overlapping between religion and ethnic origin, Statistics Canada told a press conference here.

The number of people saying they were Jewish by ethnicity — over 114,000 — is an increase from the nearly 109,000 people who said that in 1986.

The 1986 mini-census did not ask about religion.

The 1981 tally showed there were 312,060 Jews in Canada.

Ethnic origin	1991 data
British	519,080
Italian	311,210
Canadian	266,420
Chinese	231,825
East Indian	141,415
Portuguese	124,330
Scottish	123,715
Black	120,740
Jewish	**114,730**
Irish	99,155
Polish	73,435
German	68,415
Filipino	66,655
Greek	63,545
French	51,825
Ukrainian	42,670
Spanish	33,005
Dutch	32,340
Hungarian	22,525
Vietnamese	21,955
Korean	21,670
Pakistani	17,765
Iranian	17,345
Other	338,115

SOURCE: Statistics Canada

Jews were defined as anyone belonging to the Jewish faith or anyone who listed Jewish as their ethnic origin but had no stated religion.

The same guidelines will apply when all the data in the 1991 census are interpreted. In other words, if you listed your religion as "agnostic" or "atheist" but said your ethnic background is Jewish, you are Jewish by the government's standard.

The dual definition of Jews as both a religious and ethnic group takes in virtually all Jews except for messianic Jews, or so-called Hebrew-Christians, who may have Jewish roots but whose religion tends to be evangelical Christianity.

For the purposes of the 1991 census, the Toronto area included all of Metro Toronto and most of the regions of York, Halton and Peel.

More than half of all Canadians who said their ethnic heritage was Jewish lived in Ontario.

Douglas Newson, director of Statistics Canada's Ontario region, explained that Ottawa has regarded Jewish as an ethnicity for over 100 years.

"Historically, it [Judaism] has been an ethnic origin. Very large numbers report that it is an ethnic origin as well as their religion."

Newson said consultations StatsCan conducted with the Jewish community indicated that viewing Judaism as an ethnic component is valid.

Information on religion and ethnicity will be used to craft government policy on employment equity, multicultural programs, social services and by the private sector in marketing, Newson added.

The data on Jewishness will be shared with the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), the umbrella group representing over 200 North American Jewish federations.

The CJF is expected to use the figures to create a data bank on Jewish social trends, poverty, divorce, inter-marriage, aging, education and immigration, in order to better address communal needs and allocation of dollars.

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Feidman plays Jewish soul music

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — In an interview with *The CJN*, Colette Avital, Israel's consul-general to New York, said North American Jews, especially the younger ones, should become better acquainted with the creativity and new culture being developed in Israel as a new dimension of our Jewish heritage.

A splendid example of this new culture was a program presented here and in Vancouver by Giora Feidman and his "singing clarinet."

Music is not a new culture in Judaism, of course, but the way Feidman presents it is very special and a great indication of the talent in the Jewish homeland.

Feidman is considered to be one of the finest clarinetists in the world today and is an exponent of what could be called Jewish "soul music." As Feidman told *The CJN*, "Man himself is the instrument. I do not play my clarinet. I use it as a medium through which I say a melody that speaks the truth."

The maestro, a graduate classical musician from the Conservatorio Municipal in his native Buenos Aires, was for 18 years principal of the Israel Philharmonic and a professor of clarinet at the University of Tel Aviv. He has performed in leading concert halls in London and New York, has been on television and radio and has made a number of record albums.

He's known in musical circles as "the king of klezmer" but his type of klezmer music is not the raucous stuff you hear at weddings and bar mitzvahs. His music is gentle, soothing, melodic.

Using either a regular clarinet or bass clarinet, and accompanied by a guitar and string bass, Feidman moves effortlessly from prayers, to Al Jolson's famous *Swanee* to Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, and *Porgy and Bess*. At one point, wearing a yarmulke, he faced the wall, with his back to the audience, with the wail of his instrument sounding much like a cantor davening on Yom Kippur.

Feidman has not forgotten his original homeland in Latin America and devotes a portion of his program to a most delightful tango. Then, all of a sudden, he's playing *Bei Mir Bis Du Shein*, the swinging hit number which made the Andrews Sisters famous a few decades ago.

Feidman is a showman in every sense of the word. The program opens in total darkness except for a spotlight shining on the rear of the hall, with the bass and guitar on stage playing a mysterious rhythm as the maestro proceeds slowly up the aisle, performing a typical Middle East nigun. It's an extremely effective entrance.

Feidman believes he has helped revive klezmer music, which had been dormant for a number of years. He said he is the fourth generation of klezmer musicians, his father being a leading exponent of it in South America.

Feidman's tours have included Britain, Japan, Thailand, Germany and the United States. Mostly, he says, his audiences have been non-Jews and his workshops in Germany have drawn large crowds. His latest CD is called *Klezmer Classics*.

In Victoria and Vancouver, Feidman played mainly for Jewish audiences, although members of the general community were in attendance. His appearances in British Columbia were fundraisers for Congregation Emanu-El in Victoria and Temple Sholom in Vancouver.

If he plays Toronto or Montreal, don't miss him. He provides almost two hours of genuine enjoyment.

Correction

A *CJN* editorial which ran in our Feb. 18 issue and which was titled, "Justice Demanded," called on the government of Iceland to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the case of alleged Nazi war criminal Ewald Mikson.

The editorial relied on incorrect information contained in a Feb. 7 *JTA* story that reported that Mikson, also known as Edward Hinriksson, personally murdered 30 Jews and ordered the deaths of 150 others in the concentration camp at Tartu.

Nazi hunter Efraim Zuroff, to whom the figures are attributed, said his research indicates that Mikson headed a vigilante squad known as Omakitse. It was in the Vonnu district of Estonia that Mikson is accused of killing 180 civilians, only a few of whom were Jews.

Zuroff said Mikson was also accused of being a Gestapo investigator at the concentration camp in Tartu.

Zuroff said a strong case against Mikson concerns his activities in Tallinn, where as deputy chief of the Estonian political police, he ordered the arrests and murders of Jews.

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Jewish community lauds Mulroney

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — By all official accounts, Israel and Canada's Jewish community are losing one of the best friends they ever had in Brian Mulroney.

The prime minister, who last week announced he will step down when a new Conservative leader is chosen in June, was as sensitive to the needs and desires of Canadian Jewry and as staunch a supporter of Israel as anyone could hope for, Jewish communal leaders agree.

Despite polls showing he was the most unpopular prime minister ever, Mulroney should be "fondly remembered" by Jews in this country, Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella told *The CJN*.

"He understood the needs of our community. He was very sensitive to them and he had a visceral attachment to Israel," said Abella. "On more than one occasion, he called Jewish leaders to offer encouragement."

Mulroney was keen on issues of multiculturalism and anti-racism and "would go out of his way to make his feelings known. We appreciate that.

"We've lost a good friend."

In a statement, CJC said Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, while meeting with Abella in Jerusalem last month, commended Mulroney for supportive statements the Canadian PM made about Israel during his recent parley with U.S. President Bill Clinton.

In a letter to Mulroney, B'nai Brith Canada president Gabriel Nachman and executive vice-president Frank Dimant commended the prime minister for setting up the Deschenes Commission of Inquiry into prosecuting Nazi war criminals living in this country, introducing legislation that prevents using a *get* (Jewish religious divorce) as a bargaining chip in civil proceedings and for his leadership on multicultural matters.

BB took special note of Mulroney's "uniquely honest and clear-thinking approach which characterized [his] interventions on Israel and the Middle East peace process.

"No other Western leader has so plainly and so clearly affirmed reality and affirmed a commitment to fairness and honesty as you have in this area," BB said.

Canada's Jews "have never had anyone in the upper reaches of power as positive to our community as Brian Mulroney, and the community should know that," commented former Congress president Milton Harris, now chair of CJC's war crimes committee.

"It will be very difficult from a Jewish point of view to replace him. It may be hard for Jews to accept that."

Harris said he received assurances from Mulroney on war criminals when Mulroney was still opposition leader in 1983.

"I took it with a large grain of salt," Harris recalled. "But he delivered."

Indeed, Mulroney set up the Deschenes Commission barely five months into his first term, accomplishing something the Liberals before him could not or would not do through 16 years of power.

Prime Minister Mulroney

Despite the fact that war crimes trials have netted no convictions to date, Mulroney seems genuinely committed to the issue. When then justice minister Kim Campbell stormed out of a meeting with Jewish groups last year because television cameras and media were in tow, Mulroney telephoned Harris to personally assure the Jewish community that the government regards the matter as a priority.

The prime minister "demonstrated genuine concern about the wellbeing of the people of Israel," commented Rob Ritter, national director of the Canada-Israel Committee. "He's been a good friend."

Mulroney made his feelings about Israel known early. Just days after being chosen PC leader in 1983, he announced his "firm and unshakeable commitment to the integrity and survival" of Israel. Later that year, he criticized the Liberals' record on Israel, saying support for the Jewish state must "rest upon a moral foundation."

Mulroney repeated both themes in a *CJN* interview in August, 1984, just before becoming prime minister.

During an October, 1985 meeting in New York with then Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Mulroney accepted an invitation to visit Israel the following year.

Despite at least one other invitation extended by Israeli President Chaim Herzog while in Canada in 1989, Mulroney never visited Israel. But then, no Canadian PM ever has.

On Israel and Mideast policy, the Mulroney years will doubtless bring to mind the many and public disagreements the prime minister's office had with the department of external affairs and its longtime minister, Joe Clark.

In the early days of the intifada, External conveyed Ottawa's disapproval of Israel's handling of the uprising to then ambassador Israel Gur Arieh.

But Mulroney then told the media that Israel was using "restraint" and that "the prime minister states the policy of the government of Canada."

Perhaps the noisiest flap took place in March, 1988, when Clark delivered a stinging attack against Israel at the annual Canada-Israel Committee conference.

Clark blasted Israel's policy on the intifada and accused the Jewish state of "unacceptable," "illegal" and "shocking" human rights violations.

The speech had the Jewish community reeling for weeks.

It was later reported that Mulroney's office had toned down Clark's speech to make it less critical of Israel.

A year later, Mulroney and Clark were at odds again. The prime minister apparently contradicted Clark when he told reporters that Canada was not contemplating improved relations with the PLO.

When Scud missiles rained down on Israel during the Gulf War, Mulroney rushed to the House of Commons to convey Canada's support for the Jewish state.

In 1991, more mixed signals: Clark said the PLO should take part in Mideast peace talks while his boss called the organization and its leader "substantially if not completely discredited" and that Ottawa's enthusiasm for the PLO leadership was "zero."

Maccabi asks athletes to help pay costs

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — For the first time in its history, Maccabi Canada (MC) is asking Canadian Jewish athletes to indirectly chip in for their trips to this summer's Maccabiah Games (MC) in Israel by taking part in the organization's $1.25 million national fundraising campaign.

The athletes are being asked to help raise 25 percent, about $1200 each, of the total cost of sending, housing and equiping Canada's 250 Jewish athletes, said Gary Ulrich, MC's national fundraising chair.

At the same time, Ulrich promised that no deserving athlete will be left at home or team numbers cut back if the campaign goal is not met before the July 5 start of the games. In that event, he said, the shortfall would be made up by extending the campaign after the games conclude.

Ulrich, however, was confident the situation would not come to that. "We're holding our own," he said. "I think goals will be met across the country."

Ulrich said Maccabi Canada always took pride in being the only national body within the Maccabi movement to completely finance the cost of sending its athletes to Israel.

But recessionary pressures made Maccabi Canada rethink its position about leaving athletes out of the fundraising process.

It costs about $5,000 to send, equip, feed and house each athlete, and Ulrich said athletes who have made the team are being asked to assume some fundraising responsibilities.

Every other country attending the Maccabiah has long required its athletes to participate in fundraising, with many having to pay their own way to the games.

Ulrich rejected any notion that any one athlete could somehow buy his way onto the team by raising more money than another. Almost all the athletes who will take part in the campaign, he emphasized, will already have secured themselves a place on the team.

By the same token, Maccabi Canada will also expect athletes to put in a sincere effort on behalf of the campaign, even if they don't all meet the $1,200 goal. "Most of these kids come from hard working families," he said. "These kids we're investing in is also an investment in the future of the community."

In Quebec, where the campaign (chaired by Harold Brownstein) is aiming to raise $450,000, a series of fundraising events will take place over the coming months, including a May 20 golf tournament at the Hillsdale Golf and Country Club sponsored by Silver Star Automobiles.

A series of fundraising receptions is also planned which will include the participation of hockey legend Jean Beliveau, the Canadian team's chef de mission in 1989.

McGill University professors receive Order of Canada

MONTREAL — McGill University faculty of medicine professors Theodore Sourkes and Ivan Barry Pless have been named to the Order of Canada.

Sourkes, a professor in the departments of biochemistry and psychiatry, was named an officer and Pless, of pediatrics and epidemiology, a member of the Order.

Sourkes, one of McGill's longest-serving professors, began a research career after completing his PhD under Nobel laureate J.B. Summer at Cornell University.

He played a major role in the development of alpha-methyldopa, a substance later used to treat high blood pressure. He also researched the process at work in the brain of Parkinson's disease sufferers, and the effectiveness of L-dopa in controlling its symptoms.

In 1990, Sourkes received the Medal of the Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology and, in 1992, McGill named him an emeritus professor.

Director of the Montreal Children's Hospital's Injury Prevention Centre, Pless is regarded as one of the top experts in Canada on injuries to children.

His research has pointed to a high number of preventable accident-related deaths. He was an advocate for the creation of the Canadian Hospitals Injury Reporting and Prevention Program, a computerized system linking emergency rooms across the country to monitor the kinds of injuries children suffer.

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'Strongest action' urged in vandalism of books

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region (CJC-P) and B'nai Brith Hillel have called on the administration of the University of British Columbia(UBC) to take the "strongest action" in investigating the vandalism which resulted in pages about the Nazi era being torn from 23 volumes of reference material in the UBC library.

"Whether or not this incident is a senseless act of vandalism or a deliberate attempt to destroy valuable historical references," said Renee Switzer Bellas, CJC-P chair, "we call on the UBC administration to review library procedures to prevent similar occurrences in the future."

Switzer Bellas also demanded that the university replace the lost collection "to ensure that students have access to historical reference material which has been destroyed."

She said also, in a statement to *The CJN*, that "We expect the administration and RCMP to conduct a full investigation to establish a motive for this incident."

She expressed a "sincere hope" that the incident was not an example of Holocaust deniers' attempts to dislocate and destroy factual references "to achieve their ultimate purpose, which is the unabashed and unqualified rehabilitation of the Third Reich."

Hillel executive director Zac Kaye stated, "I was shocked and concerned about the ease with which the vandalism took place. However I believe it was an isolated incident as there is no evidence of other anti-Semitic acts or neo-Nazi activities on the campus." Hillel operates on the campus.

Both library officials and campus RCMP flatly deny any connection with the vandalism and Hillel's Israel Week in February. "We have no reason to believe that the incident is related to any events put on by the Jewish Students Association, especially as the damage was apparently done prior to the commencement of Israel Week," said Constable David Wendell, who is investigating the case.

University librarian Ruth Patrick said the damage was discovered early in February but news didn't leak out until much later. She said there are no leads as to who is responsible and added that, "It's annoying no one saw them [the vandals] . . . but the main library is a big one and the building is open to all."

Damage has been estimated at $10,000 and Patrick said some of the books are irreplaceable. Some books were published in 1945 and are out of print. "These older books were likely the only source in British Columbia," she said.

Richard Menkes, professor of religious studies at UBC and an active member of CJC-P, phoned *The CJN* to advise that he has examined the reference books which had been vandalized and said the pages torn out focused on German labor and production during the Nazi era and not specifically on the Holocaust.

It's not clear, he said, whether this was a malevolent act or committed by a person writing a paper on the subject.

He noted that the vandals didn't go through the whole library of books on Germany but concentrated on the reference material only.

In his opinion, said Menkes, the situation has been "somewhat magnified."

Winnipeg's past explored

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — The Jewish Historical Society of British Columbia will take Vancouverites down memory lane when it presents a historical exhibit, Selkirk Avenue Revisited, at the Jewish Community Centre here. The exhibit opens in May.

Selkirk Avenue was for many years the heart of Winnipeg's Jewish community and was the home of such landmarks as the Queen's Theatre, which later became the home of the Hebrew Sick Benefit Association; Shapiro's Photo Studio, where much of Winnipeg's history was recorded on film; Oretzki's Department Store, the only major department store in North Winnipeg; and the *Jewish Post*, home of Winnipeg's first Anglo-Jewish newspaper (now the *Jewish Post-News*).

Maxine Gelfant, daughter of Ben M. Cohen, founder of the *Jewish Post*, is chair of the show.

Because there are so many former Winnipeggers living in Vancouver, it is expected that many of them will loan photos, personal memorabilia and artifacts to add to the exhibit.

The exhibit, which was a big hit in Winnipeg, was produced by the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada. The show is part of the Back to our Canadian Roots series to be featured in the future by the local historical society.

On opening night, May 3, visitors will be treated to Gunn's bagels — a staple of Winnipeg for over 50 years, Winnipeg cream cheese, Winnipeg rye bread (which is sold all across Western Canada) and other delicacies, says Gelfant.

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JNF to honor B.C.'s McCarthy

VANCOUVER — Grace McCarthy, who was a member of British Columbia's Social Credit government for more than 20 years until her retirement from politics in 1991, will be the honoree at the Jewish National Fund(JNF) Pacific Region Negev Dinner on March 24.

McCarthy is "a true, dear friend of the Jewish community," said Gary Averbach, committee chair of the dinner. He said she is a "fixture" at most JNF functions and attends the annual Kristallnacht commemoration.

When she was in politics, she was MLA for the Vancouver-Little Mountain constituency, which has a large Jewish population.

Funds raised at the dinner will be used to develop a road in the B.C. Forest in Israel. The forest is the first one wholly sponsored by a single Canadian province. McCarthy is a member of the forest's honorary board.

The honoree visited Israel last year for the first time and said it was "very meaningful" and she was impressed with what she saw there. Forestry is a principal industry in British Columbia and McCarthy said she is pleased to be associated with a forestry project.

McCarthy, a member of some 50 public and private organizations, was director of the Canadian Association of Christians and Jews from 1970-1973 and chairman of the first B.C. Conference on Multiculturalism in 1979. The Brotherhood Interfaith Society presented her with the "Man of the Year" Award in 1987. During her years in government, one of her duties was chair of the cabinet committee on cultural heritage.

The dinner is being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Scheduled as guest speaker is Edward Koch, the controversial former mayor of New York and a former United States congressman.

— M.L.

CJC seeks new Zundel charges

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress has renewed its call on the Attorney General of Ontario to lay hate promotion charges against Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel.

The move came in the wake of a television documentary on CBC's *the 5th estate*, which reported that Zundel is a major supplier of neo-Nazi books and videos to Germany.

The program quotes a German official saying Zundel is one of the six most important publishers and distributors of such material sent to Germany. It also describes him as maintaining close links with Ewald Althans, a Munich neo-Nazi, as well as being a financial supporter of Germany's extreme right.

Manuel Prutschi, executive director of Congress' Ontario region, said the letter to Attorney General Marion Boyd suggests that "in light of these shocking revelations, these factors should be considered in deciding whether to lay charges."

In 1984, Zundel was charged in Toronto with distributing false information about the Holocaust. After two jury convictions and several appeals, the Supreme Court of Canada last year threw out the "false news" law, ruling it unconstitutional.

In the immediate aftermath of the High Court decision, Zundel went on a media blitz, claiming the Holocaust is a hoax and promising that the people who assert its truth would face a day of reckoning.

That prompted Congress to call on the attorney general to prosecute Zundel under the anti-hate provisions of the Criminal Code, which the Supreme Court has upheld.

In last week's *5th estate* broadcast, Eduard Lintner, deputy interior minister of Germany, said "the Canadian government should do everything it can within their laws to stop the actions of Mr. Zundel, especially to prevent him from sending his propaganda from Canada."

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Purim

Yiddish theatre's roots grounded in Purimshpil

By DR. FRED WEINBERG

The beginnings of the Yiddish theatre, so prominent a part of Jewish cultural life in Europe and America during the 19th and early 20th centuries, were grounded in the Purimshpil or Purim play, which celebrated the holiday of Purim in early spring.

On Purim Jews are commanded to be frivolous. Indeed, the drinking of alcoholic beverages is mandatory to the point where one can't distinguish between cursing Mordecai and blessing Haman.

The folk ways related to the celebration of Purim varied a great deal according to the country in which the Jews lived but were almost universal in the reading of the Megillah to the congregation of children and adults. Stomping and whistling and whirring of gragers (noisemakers), drown out the mention of Hama's name.

During the Middle Ages yeshiva students danced in the streets on Purim and sometimes dressed up with horn-like headdresses and in general affected a mardi gras style. Exchanging shalach manot, gifts of sweet cakes and wine, became traditional on Purim as did games, riddles and noisy pranks. Even the most dignified Jews, such as the famous Chassidic rabbi of Volozhin, known throughout Poland for his serious demeanour, sat at table among his students with his coat turned back to front on Purim.

The Purimshpil started as a monologue but developed into a group performance given during the traditional festive family meal on the afternoon of Purim. This was very popular from about the middle of the 16th century in Europe, particularly in the Ashkenazi communities.

At first the plays were lengthy poems recited inthe homes of the wealthier Jewish families, and related the events in the Book of Esther with humorous and often lewd commentaries. Printed versions of some of these poems became available, and during the 1800s increased in popularity, particularly in Germany, Poland and Russia. The performers appeared in costume and the poems often rhymed and were very entertaining.

Later, the Purimshpil included group presentations and a style developed with a prologue, an epilogue, vulgar language and Biblical themes other than the Esther story. During this period the Purimshpil became more complex and began to imitate the style, subject matter and scenic design of the non-Jewish European theatre of that time. The plays were longer, the number of performers increased and the stories depicted such Biblical stories as the selling of Joseph in Egypt, the sacrifice of Isaac, David and Goliath and the wisdom of Solomon.

The Purim performance was introduced, conducted and concluded by a narrating leader called a loifer, shrayber, or payatz similar to the German fastnachtspiel. As in the latter, profanity and erotic obscenity became part of the humor.

Out of this prevailing folk custom there developed the more sophisticated Yiddish theatrical productions which were transferred from Europe to New York particularly and in general enjoyed by the immigrant Jewish communities of North America.

As in the past, the Purimshpil was played in the homes of the richer members of the community, often in their dining room, and, as in our illustration, crowding the host and his wife in her special silk ribbon headdress, neighbors peeping in, children and servants poking in through the kitchen door. Often there was musical accompaniment to these plays.

When the actors were finished they bowed, their closing verses always hinting not too subtly for the money, brandy and cakes that the host was obligated to offer them. The most famous epilogue has come down to this day is:

Heint is Purim
Morgen ois
Gib uns a groshen
Und varf uns arois.

Today is Purim
Tomorrow — no more
Give us a groshen
And show us the door.

Many aspects of the Purimshpil went onto the Yiddish theatre. First was the use of mameloshn; that is, the mother tongue (Yiddish) rather than a scholarly languge. The next feature was the intimacy of the Purim play, which took place in people's homes with everyone knowing who the characters were in real life.

Jews in general have always felt very close to the patriarchs, for example, that were depicted in the plays, and easily made the transposition from the villainous Pharaoh to the Czar, between Mordecai who stood up for the Jews in ancient Persia and Theodore Herzl who stood up for them in Europe thousands of years later. When Haman stalked around in his cossack boots in a Russian Purim play they could easily identify him with the perpetrators of pograms. In a 1944 Purim play in France, Haman wore a little black Hitler moustache.

So especially in the 19th and the early 20th centuries, the energy and creativity of the Purimshpil was transferred to the Yiddish folk theatre with its vitality, intimacy and even shand (profanity) intact that so identified with the cultural and recreational needs of the Jewish immigrant community in America.

"Purim at Home," a painting by Moritz Oppenheim, Germany, 19th century, depicting a family being entertained by Purim players.

Purim treats can be centred around Esther

By LESLIE MICHLIN BORDEN

Purim, a joyous occasion celebrating the deliverance of the Jews in ancient Persia, begins this year on the evening of March 6. The Jews were saved from mass extinction by the brave actions of Esther, a young Persian Jew and queen at King Ahasuerus' court.

This year consider shifting the focus of your Purim preparations by putting Esther at the centre of your cooking plans. Spend your valuable time shaping cookies which make everyone think of her, like cookies to look like her bracelets. She must have had many since she was the queen. Roll out seven-inch ropes of dough. Form them into bracelets and use a candied cherry or an almond for the clasp.

Or, form cookies to resemble purses. To do this, make your favorite hamantaschen dough. Roll it out just as you would hamantaschen, but fill the cookies instead with a delightful Persian filling of dates and oranges. After all, Purim took place in ancient Persia. Fold the rolled dough over the filling so the cookie looks like an oval-shaped purse. Another typical Persian filling is a mixture of ground nuts, sugar and cinnamon reminiscent of Baklava. No matter which filling you select, everyone will enjoy these little treats.

ESTHER'S BRACELETS

2 eggs or ½ cup egg substitute
⅔ cups sugar
½ cup canola oil
¼ cup orange juice
1 tsp. vanilla
3 cups flour
1½ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt (opt.)
1 egg white beaten with 1 teaspoon water
Candied cherries
Whole peeled almonds

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs (or egg substitute) until fluffy and lemon colored. Continue beating, adding the sugar, oil, and then the orange juice. Stir in the vanilla.

In another bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt (if used). Mix well. Add this to the beaten egg mixture. Stir thoroughly.

Spray a cookie sheet with vegetable oil spray.

Divide the dough into 4 parts. Shape one into a log, about 13-inches long and 1-inch wide. Divide into 13 pieces. Roll each piece a 7-inch rope. Lay it on the cookie sheet, forming it into a closed circle, a bracelet-shaped cookie. Cover the junction with a candied cherry or a whole almond that has been dipped into the beaten egg white mixture. Repeat with the remaining pieces of dough.

Bake 15 minutes. Do not brown. Cool on racks then store in an airtight container. May be frozen.

Makes 52 cookies.

ESTHER'S PURSES

Date Orange Filling or Nut Filling (see below)
3 eggs or ¾ cup egg substitute
1 cup sugar
½ cup canola oil
½ cup orange juice
4½ cups flour
¼ tsp. baking soda
3 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
Powdered sugar

Make the filling and set aside until ready to use.

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs (or egg substitute), adding the sugar as you beat. Continue beating, adding the oil and orange juice. In another bowl, combine the dry ingredients, mixing well. Add these to the beaten egg mixture. The dough will be a little sticky, but don't add more flour at this point or the cookies will come out hard.

On a lightly floured pastry board, roll part of the dough to a thickness of 1/8 inch. Cut out cookies with a 3-inch cookie cutter. Always include the scraps from one rolling with fresh dough from the bowl. This way, you will not use too much flour and the cookies will come out tender. Fill with about 1 teaspoon of date-orange filling or ½ teaspoon of nut filling. Shape by folding the dough over the filling. Close the edges with a fork. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake about 20 minutes.

Remove the cookies from the oven and cool on a wire rack. While the cookies are still warm, roll them in powdered sugar. Cool thoroughly before serving. Store in an airtight container. May be frozen.

Makes six dozen cookies.

Date Orange Filling:

1⅔ pounds pitted dates
2⅔ cups orange juice
2 teaspoons grated orange rind (no white)

Chop the dates and place them in a small saucepan with the orange juice. Cook over low heat until the dates are soft and no liquid remains. Stir in the orange rind. Cool before using.

Makes 4⅓ cups, enough to fill one recipe of cookie dough.

Nut Filling:

1⅔ cups finely chopped almonds
⅔ cup sugar
2 tsp. ground cinnamon

Combine ingredients. Mix well. Set aside until ready to fill cookies.

Makes 2⅓ cups, enough to fill one recipe of cookie dough.

Chagall's haunting painting of Queen Esther is the inspiration for a recipe for Esther's bracelets. [Felicia Martinez photo]

Separatist leaders launch libel suits

MONTREAL — Parti-Quebecois leader Jacques Parizeau and Lucien Bouchard, the head of the Bloc Quebecois, have filed a libel suit against the Montreal investment firm of Lafferty, Harwood & Partners Ltd., for comparing them to Adolf Hitler.

In January, about 200 readers received the firm's monthly newsletter, the *Laffery Canadian Report*, which compared the nationalistic tactics of the two party leaders with that of Hitler.

The newsletter stated, among other things, that Parizeau and Bouchard, "aim their appeal entirely at nationalism.

"It is a classic form of demoguery [sic] and is no different from what Hitler did."

News of the report, originally published in *Le Devoir*, outraged the two sovereigntist leaders, Jewish organizations, and editorialists.

Parizeau said he was from a generation "that knows who Hitler was." His first (now deceased) wife, Alice, had parents who died in a Nazi concentration camp and was herself interned in a work camp for resisting the Nazis.

Jewish organizations also were swift to condemn the report, with B'nai Brith calling Lafferty's comments, "scurrilous" and Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region, labelling them "absurd and profoundly inappropriate."

But Lafferty, having predicted the response ("We will probably be penalized for expressing our views," he said), did not back off his analysis. In a rebuttal published in *The Gazette*, he wrote he has "momentarily become the 'whipping boy' of the media in Quebec," and he accused them of distorting his views.

As evidence, Lafferty pointed to a story in *La Presse* which referred to an incident in 1966 in which two partners in Lafferty's firm were "charged with policies of anti-Semitism." Lafferty said the *La Presse* story failed to mention that the charges against the firm were dismissed.

According to a report in *The Globe and Mail*, however, the Minimum Wage Commission which pursued Lafferty "for failing to hire Jews" never made its decision public.

Parizeau and Bouchard have retained the law firm of Heenan, Blaikie, and they said they would donate to charity any monetary award arising from the lawsuit.

Heritage Front case delayed a month

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The last time members of the white supremacist Heritage Front appeared at the provincial courthouse on University Avenue, a wild melee broke out as anti-racism protestors clashed with police.

This time there were no protestors and the only confrontation took place inside the courtroom, where Federal Court Judge Marcel Joyal was confronted with the prospect of having to adjourn the case because Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege appeared without a lawyer and was unprepared to proceed.

As uniformed and plainclothes police patrolled the courtroom and a battery of reporters scribbled notes, Joyal set the case over to April 6.

The case will proceed at that time whether Droege is represented or not, Joyal said.

Droege will have to face allegations presented by the Canadian Human Rights Commission that he violated a September 1992 consent order by offering telephone messages in mid-January that were likely to expose identifiable groups to contempt or hatred.

One message claimed Charlie Chaplin's real name was Israel Thornstein and described him as a traitor and a communist.

Joyal was critical of Droege, saying he was "lackadaisacal" in preparing to meet the charges. He pointed out that Droege waited to the 11th hour to notify the court he was without counsel.

"Everybody is in the courtroom and all of a sudden you drop this bombshell.

"When I woke up [this morning] I never expected to confront the issues you raise today. You're spoiling my day," the judge stated.

Outside the courthouse, Droege promised to continue operating the Heritage Front hotline, though he said he had "toned down" the messages since the September 1992 agreement.

Droege maintained that he was in compliance with the order and that he was not breaking the law.

Louis Lenkinski, acting chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' community relations committee, said Droege was using every possible tactic to delay the proceedings. The judge should have shut down the hotline, he added.

Rodney Bobiwash, co-ordinator of anti-racist activities for the Native Canadian Centre, agreed the hotline should have been shut down. He said Droege was making a mockery of the justice system. Bobiwash, with the co-operation of Congress, brought the initial complaint against Droege for messages that allegedly attacked Natives.

Meanwhile, two representatives of the United Church of Canada were among the spectators at last week's court session. They were there to show solidarity in the fight against racist activities, said Joyce Eagle, adding the United Church had held discussions with Congress about confronting racism.

Complaints against Christie rejected

TORONTO — A disciplinary committee of the Law Society of Upper Canada has rejected three complaints against Doug Christie, though it did so in language highly critical of the Victoria lawyer.

And it said that in future, some of the conduct displayed by Christie during the Imre Finta war crimes trial, in which he asked the jury to disregard the law, would "be sufficient cause to intitiate the discipline process."

The committee said, however, that Christie "did not have benefit of this policy statement and did not know that an invitation to the jury to disregard the law would initiate the discipline process."

The criticism of Christie by the three-man disciplinary committee amounted to less than a "slap on the wrist," asserted Helen Smolack, chair of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association (CHRA).

"The committee didn't even mention my complaint about Christie badgering and harassing Holocaust survivors," added Don Weitz, a regular spectator at the Finta trial.

"By failing to discipline Christie, the Law Society is not doing its job."

A third complaint was advanced by Toronto lawyer Bert Raphael, who argued that Christie was guilty of professional misconduct when he alleged that the trial judge in the second Ernst Zundel "false news" case was biased.

Case biased

Raphael was unavailable for comment.

The CHRA had complained that Christie was guilty of conduct unbecoming a lawyer. The committee noted that a student engaged by the CHRA's lawyer, Robert P. Armstrong, taped a speech delivered by Christie at a rally during the Finta trial.

The committee found it would not recommend disciplinary action since the public need not fear Christie's criticism of the law and the administration of justice. But it termed some of his comments "anti-Semitic" and it noted that in his rally speech and in his address to the jury, Christie "has crossed the line separating counsel from client: he has made common cause with a small, lunatic, anti-Semitic fringe element in our society. We know who Mr. Christie is."

Referring to Christie's suggestion that the trial judge in the Zundel case was biased, the committee concluded that "Christie exercised exceedingly poor judgement, engaged in bad advocacy and was plainly wrong."

Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Bernie Farber said "we find it peculiar that a member of the the British Columbia bar can be so disrespectful of the Ontario courts. We would have hoped for much stronger action by the Law Society." — P.L.

NFB film gets Oscar nomination

MONTREAL —

The Colours of My Father: A Portrait of Sam Borenstein, directed by the late artist's daughter Joyce Borenstein, has been nominated for an Oscar as best short subject documentary.

The National Film Board (NFB) co-production was produced by Richard Elson and Sally Bochner — in whose names the nomination was received — and written, directed and animated by Borenstein. All three live in Montreal.

This half-hour mix of animation, archival material and contemporary interviews celebrates the work of the late painter Sam Borenstein.

The Colours of My Father is a multiple-award winner, having won a Genie in 1991, a Special Jury Prize at the 1991 Banff Television Festival and the FIFART prize at the International Festival of Films on Art in Switzerland.

The NFB was joined in the production of this film by Imageries, TV Ontario, Telefilm Canada, La Societe Generale des Industries Culturelles of Quebec, and the Quebec Ministry of Cultural Affairs. Colin Neale is executive producer.

The 65th annual Academy Awards ceremony will be presented in Los Angeles March 29.

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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HORDES

Dr. Greebler, of Toronto, was inspired by a teacher in New York, Professor Hordes, to enquire as to the source and meaning of the name Hordes.

Without information of his place of origin, it is difficult to pinpoint where the name came from, particularly since it appears to be toponymic — derived from the name of a town or village.

There is a shtetl in Byelorussia, just west of Pinsk called Horodets, the birthplace of a renowned author Samuel Horodezki, a direct descendant of Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Chassidism.

An alternate source might be Gorodischche (Horodistea), a name borne by a number of places in Moldava, Bessarabia, and the Ukraine.

Gordo is the Sephardic nickname for a fat man derived from the Spanish Gordo, but not commonly appearing as a surname.

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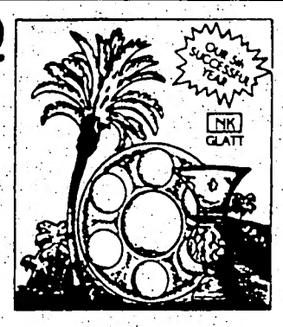

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Herzog meets British leaders

LONDON (JTA) — The threat of Islamic fundamentalism was high on the agenda as Israel's President Chaim Herzog met British leaders during the first official visit to Britain by an Israeli head of state.

In talks with Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and Prime Minister John Major, the president was expected to raise the danger posed by Iranian-backed terrorists, including Hamas.

The president — arriving in the wake of the expulsion from Israel of 415 Hamas activists — also showed himself ready to answer criticism of Israel's tactics.

Addressing a dinner hosted by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, Herzog pointed out that despite the fundamentalist onslaught the law reigned supreme in Israel.

He continued: "It is not for me to burden you with the details and manner in which this war is being conducted in many countries. Suffice to say that (unlike in Israel) there are no supreme courts to which one can apply.

"There are no media to report. The issues are dealt with summarily, in an unequivocal manner which would hardly meet with your lordship's approval."

The president again echoed Israel's growing concern in an address to Joint Israel Appeal fundraisers. He told them Islamic fundamentalism is "the greatest single danger to the free world today," combining "religious fanaticism and abysmal hatred" with efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction.

"We as part of the free world must continue to raise our voice in warning against the spread of Islamic fundamentalism backed by Iran," he said.

President Chaim Herzog

In addition to Islamic fundamentalism, Herzog said he would discuss the Arab boycott of Israel with Major and Hurd.

"I will tell them that Britain should pass legislation outlawing the boycott."

He said he would also be requesting that Britain help locate missing Israeli soldiers in Lebanon.

Herzog's official visit, at the invitation of the British government, underlines the new warmth in relations between London and Jerusalem.

There have been previous visits by Israeli heads of state, and Herzog himself was knighted by the queen. But the visits were not official state trips, and all points of protocol were not followed in those instances.

This visit, British sources said, served to illustrate Britain's desire to help keep the Middle East peace process alive.

Despite the seriousness of the issues discussed, the visit had all the pomp and ceremony associated with a state visit.

Herzog and his wife, Aura, heard a Coldstream Guards band play *Hatikvah*, for the first time at Buckingham Palace, before lunching with the queen.

It was "the best version of *Hatikvah* I have ever heard," said Herzog, who has his own British connections. He was born in Belfast, Ireland and his father, Yitzhak Herzog, was chief rabbi of Ireland before assuming the same position in Palestine and then Israel.

"The Guards commander spoke perfect Hebrew when he invited me to inspect the troops. It was the ultimate surprise," he said.

During the visit, Herzog reiterated that an already standing invitation to Queen Elizabeth to visit Israel still stands. In his meeting with the queen, he discussed Middle East issues.

Israel, U.S. discuss peace plan to leave Golan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel and the United States are discussing a three-phase peace plan with Syria that would eventually entail a complete Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, according to Likud Knesset member Benjamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu, a former deputy foreign minister, said in a radio interview he had information that this was the substance of discussions between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his "American interlocutors."

Netanyahu made the comments as U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher took a helicopter tour of the country's eastern and northern fronts, to inspect for himself the geographic and strategic challenges to Israel's security.

The secretary flew along the length of the "Green Line" separating Israel proper from the West Bank and then toured the Golan Heights.

Christopher also met for a second time with both the Palestinian peace negotiators, led by Faisal Husseini and Haidar Abdel-Shafi, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Netanyahu, who opposes Israeli withdrawal from the Golan, said the first phase of the plan being discussed with the United States involves an Israeli declaration of readiness to cede sovereignty over the strategic plateau to Syria.

The second stage would be a partial withdrawal, accompanied by the deployment of American peacekeeping forces on the territory vacated.

In the third and final stage, the Israeli army would withdraw entirely from the Golan. Netanyahu was vague on the issue of whether the purported plan would mean the removal of Israeli civilian settlements too.

There was no immediate response from the government to Netanyahu's assertions. But the Israel Defence Force chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, was said to be emphasizing the Golan's strategic military importance to Christopher, whom he briefed during the tour of the northern border.

Yet a controversy erupted over remarks made by Barak's deputy, Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak.

Shahak, in an off-the-record briefing for American journalists, was quoted as saying that Israel could maintain adequate security even if it gave up all of the Golan.

American reporters also quoted Shahak, identified in articles as a "senior military official," as saying that "without withdrawal from the entire Golan Heights, there is no chance of peace."

Likud and other right-wing politicians have demanded that Rabin dismiss Shahak for his remarks. But the Prime Minister's Office issued a statement saying Rabin, who is also defence minister, has full confidence in Shahak.

In the wake of the uproar, Shahak said Wednesday he was misquoted and that his statements were taken out of context.

"I am certain I didn't say there is no chance of peace without a full withdrawal," Shahak told Israeli army radio.

He went on to explain, "I meant to say, without recalling my exact words, that the Syrians won't come to the peace process unless they believe that in negotiations one can also discuss withdrawal."

But Shahak also stressed that as an army officer he believed the army's mission is to implement whatever political decisions the government makes.

"The Israeli Defence Force does not define formal borders or draw political maps. We do what we are told," he said. "If there is a threat to Israel from the Heights, then a variety of security arrangements will have to be made."

Likud Knesset member Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Israel's first ambassador to Cairo and a former chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, complained that even if Shahak's words had been a slip of the tongue, he should be dismissed for allowing himself to fall into the trap.

"What is a senior officer doing making political statements to foreign newsmen?" Ben-Elissar asked.

Rabin has consistently said he would consider withdrawing from at least part of the Golan Heights, but he has never publicly stated what his final bargaining position would be in negotiations with Syria.

Many Israelis favor trading Golan Heights for peace

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Just over half the Israeli population is willing to give back to Syria some of or all of the Golan Heights in exchange for peace, according to a recent survey.

The survey, conducted by Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, also revealed that most Israelis are interested in peace but mistrust Arab intentions.

The poll, based on a representative sample of Israelis excluding those living on kibbutzim or in the territories, showed that Israelis regard the present moment as presenting more possibilities for peace than at any time since the Persian Gulf War.

Government policy in the territories is perceived as being too weak, and the public appears to be highly concerned about personal security.

The poll revealed that 33 percent of Israelis are ready to return a small portion of the Golan Heights in exchange for peace, 15 percent are prepared to give up a large part and five percent are willing to return the entire territory, which was annexed in the early 1980s.

Forty-six percent of those polled said they are opposed to returning any part of the Golan.

An overwhelming 89 percent expressed strong support for continued participation in the peace process, while 11 percent were opposed.

The survey showed that Israeli public opinion regarding the future status of West Bank and the Gaza Strip has become more moderate.

Twenty-nine percent favored the establishment of some sort of Palestinian autonomy, 20 percent were in favor of returning most of the territories to Jordan in exchange for a peace agreement, and 13 percent were ready to accept the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the territories within the framework of a peace agreement.

However, 13 percent favored the annexation of the territories and the transfer of Arabs out of area, 13 percent were in favor of full annexation and six percent favored the preservation of the status quo.

Fifty-eight percent said the Arabs are interested in peace, while 95 percent are of the opinion that Israel is interested in peace.

Eighty-five percent expressed concern about being harmed by Arabs during the course of their daily lives.

The view that the intifada and terrorism can be eliminated via military action was supported by 75 percent of the respondents. The popular view is that government policy in the territories is too weak on the Palestinians — and this opinion is much stronger than in previous years.

About 60 percent said the government's policy in the territories is too weak, 30 percent said the policy is correct and about 10 percent charged it is too harsh.

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Zionists, fundraisers fail to solve dispute

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The standoff between the "Zionist" and "fundraiser" factions of the Jewish Agency for Israel continues, despite efforts by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to intervene.

In a meeting last week, Rabin asked the top fundraisers to drop their demands that two posts in the quasi-governmental body be eliminated to avoid duplication.

His request was refused by Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, and Max Fisher, its founding chairman.

Instead, in a compromise that promises to keep the controversy simmering, Rabin will study the issue and recommend a solution after Passover.

This was agreed upon by a six-member committee of top leaders of the two sides. Both sides are represented equally on the committee, explaining the deadlock.

A similar situation prevails in the Jewish Agency as a whole, where the leadership and governance is split evenly between representatives of the World Zionist Organization — made up of Diaspora Zionist groups, such as Hadassah, and Israeli political activists — and representatives of the United Jewish Appeal and similar fundraising bodies around the world.

The Zionists have charged that the effort to eliminate the department heads reflects the desire of the fundraisers to "de-Zionize" the Jewish Agency and assume full control.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres weighed in earlier on behalf of the Zionists, issuing a sharply worded attack on the fundraisers.

But despite his call for Israeli political leaders to take an interest in what goes on in the Jewish Agency, Peres did not address the issue in subsequent speeches to Jewish leaders in New York and Washington.

While the fundraisers refused to heed the requests from Rabin and Peres to drop their demand to eliminate the department heads, their willingness to let Rabin find a solution could reflect a desire to quietly retreat.

It was hoped in Jewish Agency circles that their decision would enable the Board of Governors session taking place here in Jerusalem to proceed with other matters, without being overshadowed by this acrimonious dispute.

In a statement issued by the committee of six, they spoke of progress on four other structural issues: the size and structure of the Board of Governors, the budget of the World Zionist Organization, the committees of the Board of Governors, and the "advise and consent" process by which the fundraisers approve or veto candidates for Jewish Agency posts put forward by the Zionists.

But the statement conceded that on the vexed issue of the department chairmanships, no progress had been made. Hence the decision to call in the prime minister and ask him to make a proposal.

Recognition sought for Reform conversions

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's Reform movement has filed a petition with the nation's Supreme Court in the hope of winning state recognition of Reform conversions to Judaism performed in Israel.

The Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel joined forces to challenge the Interior Ministry's refusal to accept the validity of such conversions.

The petitioners expect a protracted battle in what they describe as a continuous effort to promote religious pluralism here, saying the case cuts to the heart of the issue for both sides.

"What is at stake is whether Orthodoxy is going to have a monopoly over the definition of Judaism and Jewish status in Israel," said Uri Regev, head of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center here.

The appeal challenges the claim by the Orthodox-controlled Chief Rabbinate that it has jurisdiction over conversion when it comes to state registration of religion.

That, said Regev, is a civil matter.

The petitioners say the ruling could have broad implications for an increasing number of non-Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union seeking non-Orthodox conversions here.

The same parties won a landmark Supreme Court appeal in 1989 that required the government to grant citizenship under the Law of Return to non-Orthodox converts who are immigrating to Israel.

The Jerusalem District Court recently upheld another appeal of theirs, ordering the Orthodox-controlled Interior Ministry to recognize as Jews all Israelis who undergo Reform conversions outside Israel.

Regev said the aim of the petition filed last week is to ensure the same religious rights for Israelis as those of new immigrants.

The petition was filed on behalf of Chava Passero Goldstein, who was born in Brazil and converted to Judaism under the supervision of a Reform rabbinical court here. The Interior Ministry has denied her request for citizenship under the Law of Return.

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New lessons from Purim must be taught each year

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

As mentioned many times, Jewish holidays are not simply commemorative occasions of days gone by. We do not read the Megillah and observe the Purim laws merely to remind ourselves of an ancient period of history that no longer has relevance for our times. On the contrary, as each holiday annually returns, new powers of that chag are transmitted by the Almighty into the world. True, we are to relive and relearn the old lessons. But, more importantly, we must forever learn and apply the new lessons that are being taught each year. What can we learn from Purim 5753?

The well known comment of the Arizal, equates Yom Kippur to Purim (Yom Kippurim — Yom k' Purim). Much has been written to explain this comparison. On the surface they seem to be so contrary in nature. One is a day of fasting and prayer, a day totally devoted to the spiritual. The other, it would seem, is a day almost totally dedicated to the physical — parties, drinking, masquerading, levity, and the like. One answer teaches us that God does not want a nation of ascetics. The goal of the Jewish nation is to anshei kodesh, flesh-and-blood human beings who are holy, not angels, as the Kotzker Rebbe said. To reach this level of sanctifying God through the physical requires some very spiritually uplifting days. I would like to draw another comparison.

The whole name of Purim stems from the "lots" that Haman cast in trying to decide the date of his anticipated annihilation of the Jewish people. On Yom Kippur another sort of "lots" were cast. There were two goats — one to be sacrificed to Hashem, the other to be sent to Azazel, cast off the rock to oblivion. The two had to be exactly the same in all physical appearance. Which went where was determined by the drawing of "lots." Imagine for a moment. Externally, both were exactly the same. But their purpose and function was so diametrically, and to such extreme, the opposite of the other.

The story of Purim pitches Haman the arch-enemy of the Jews against Mordechai the tzaddik. Haman descends from Amalek the prototype of vlo yorei Elokim, one who has no fear of God. When Amalek first attacked the Jewish nation, Moshe appointed Yehoshua to go out in battle against them. Why Yehoshua? Says the Midrash "(Moshe said to Joshua) — Your grandfather [Joseph] said, "I fear God; and by this one [Amalek] it says, "He does not fear God." Let the grandson of this render payment against the grandson of the other."

Externally, the Hamans of the world can perhaps camouflage their looks to resemble the Mordechais. Even a wolf can wear sheep's clothing. But one stands for the triumphing of Godliness in the world; the other for the extreme opposite — proclaiming slogans of, "God is dead."

Interestingly, every Motzoei Shabbos at the havdalah ceremony that ushers out the Sabbath, we recite a verse from the Megillah. "Layehudim haysa orah v'simcha v'sosson veeykar — For the Jews there was light and joy and gladness and honor." We add after this verse; "kein tiheye lanu, so it should be for us." The talmud says on this verse: Light, this means Torah; joy, this means Yomtov; gladness, this means circumcision; honour, this means tefillin.

In the concluding blessing of the havdalah we say: "Blessed are You, Hashem, King of the universe Who distinguishes between holy and profane, between light and darkness, between Israel and the other nations, between the seventh day and the six days of work. Blessed are You Hashem Who distinguishes between holy and profane."

On one hand there can be minute differences between all of the above. One can look at a hair splitting as the only distinction between a holy and a profane act. One can look at the momentary timespan that separates between light of day and its blending into the dark of night. One may look at the similarities and hardly be able to tell the difference between Israel and other nations. A minute can separate the working day from the time hallowed sanctification of the arrival of Shabbat. But on the other hand, what vast oceans divide the chasms of the above. Holiness and profanity; light and dark; Israel and other nations; Shabbat and weekdays.

Rabbi Yisrael Salander said, "We all know that there are four hierarchial levels of creation. The first is the inanimate level, a stone, for example. Then comes the level of growth, a plant or tree, for example. The third is the animal kingdom, life beyond mere growth. The fourth is man, life with intellect and the power of speech. But the Almighty ordained a fifth level — Israel. And as vast as the difference is between each stage to the next, that is how far the distance is between the fourth and the fifth."

Israel retains this stature, however, only when it carries upon itself the burden of acting as the nation of God. Yes, it is a privilege, but at the same time it is an awesome responsibility. There must be Torah that permeates all acts of the Jew. There must be Yomtov and Shabbat, the sanctification of time. There must be circumcision, the sign or seal that restrains and elevates the physical passions of man. And there must be tefillin a constant reminder to man that he dedicate his physical prowess and intellectual capacities to Hashem.

There will always be, until Moshiach comes, the Hamans that strive to destroy Israel. It is a law that Esau hates Jacob. From the time the Torah was given on Sinai, hatred (sinah) descended again upon the nation of Israel. But "Mordechai lo yichra vlo yishtachave." Mordechai and the Jewish nation will never again have to bend in submission, if they carry out faithfully their mission.

May the time soon speedily come when we can once again see and say that, "For the Jews there is light and joy, gladness and honor." Chag Somayach.

Soviet childen to celebrate Purim

NEW YORK — This Purim 13,000 Jewish children throughout the former Soviet Union, from Tallin to Khabarovsk, will be face to face with Ester, Haman and Mordechai in new Animated Megillot. The Megillot are being distributed to Jewish schools by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

The Animated Megilla is the first of its kind, a scroll in Hebrew and Russian, decorated with full-color photographs of three-dimensional clay figures depicting the Purim story. A workbook with games and exercises is also being distributed.

The megillot will become the property of the schools for future use, while the workbooks will be given as a gift to every child.

Seymour Epstein, director of JDC programs in the former Soviet Union, explained the significance of the project. "What could be more fitting than sending Megillot Esther to the new Jewish schools of the former Soviet Union?

"One interpretation of the origins of the Esther story is that of a political satire written from the perspective of a lover of Zion about life in the Godless diaspora. The 130 Jewish schools that have revived the study of Judaism on Russian soil grapple daily with the ongoing problems of life in the diaspora, in contrast with the viable option of aliyah. This issue is more alive in the former Soviet territory than in any other diaspora community. In one way or the other, Megillat Esther is a statement from the past about our ability to survive life-threatening situations."

The News in Brief

Balkan war crimes tribunal welcomed

WASHINGTON — Jewish groups are welcoming news that the United Nations will set up a war crimes tribunal to prosecute those committing atrocities in the former Yugoslavia.

Organizational officials say the tribunal will send the proper message to war criminals in the Balkans and around the world, causing them to think twice about their actions. But at the same time, they caution that the practical results of such an international tribunal are not yet clear.

The U.N. Security Council voted to create the tribunal, which would be the first such entity since the aftermath of World War II.

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Holocaust soil reburied

WASHINGTON — In a moving ceremony at the still-incomplete U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, soil from 39 Holocaust sites was recently interred in the museum's Hall of Remembrance, where it will rest beneath an eternal flame.

The hour-long soil dedication ceremony, attended by several hundred people, including Holocaust survivors and U.S. military personnel, is part of a series of events leading up to the museum's long-awaited opening April 26.

Soil from concentration camp sites was mingled in the ceremony with soil from the gravesites of U.S. military liberators of the camps, including Arlington National Cemetery, in a literal and symbolic joining of survivors with liberators.

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Finance minister gives rosy forecast

JERUSALEM — Finance Minister Avraham Shohat has told the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors that a strong economy is "the best and main solution" for absorbing immigrants and that the new government's policies are spurring economic growth.

But Shohat conceded that the government's best efforts to create jobs have not yet made a dent in the nation's 11 percent unemployment rate.

The finance minister acknowledged that unemployment is key. But he emphasized the positive in his presentation to the Jewish Agency leaders. He cited last year's growth rate of 7 percent, an export increase of 11 percent and progress toward privatization of state-owned industries.

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VOA project officially pronounced dead

JERUSALEM — The Voice of America Arava transmitter project "has been officially and finally" cancelled, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid has announced.

Sarid expressed satisfaction at the project's cancellation, saying it "saved the Negev and gave it back to the residents and all Israelis."

Shahal said he had directed the project administration (Tomer) "to take all necessary measures — legal, economic, and administrative — following the U.S. ambassador's notification of the project cancellation."

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South Africa gets Conservative shul

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's first and only Conservative synagogue has opened in Johannesburg. The shul, named Ohev Shalom, is led by an American Conservative rabbi, Nissim Wernick.

At present, about three-quarters of South African Jews belong to the Orthodox movement, with the remainder Reform, independent or unaffiliated. The new synagogue is expected to draw flak from mainstream Jews because of Orthodoxy's historical hegemony over South African Jewry.

A nucleus of about 50 families created the new Conservative congregation.

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South African Jews fast after tragedies

JOHANNESBURG — Thousands of Johannesburg Jews fasted for 24 hours, following a number of tragedies involving local Jews. The fast, called for by religious leaders, with prayers led by Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris, was held to show solidarity with members of the community who had suffered loss through unnatural deaths and accidents.

The tragedies included several young people who were killed or seriously injured in road accidents, a boating accident which claimed the lives of three Jewish yachtsmen, a young medical student who fell to his death while bird-watching, a fatal accidental shooting and four Jewish racehorse owners who were victimized in their homes by gunmen.

RCMP seeks witnesses

OTTAWA — The war crimes branch of the RCMP is searching for witnesses who may have information regarding mass executions that occured near the village of Potichok, as well information about torture and killings that took place near the town of Snyatin, located in the Ivano-Frankivak (formerly Stanislav) Oblast of Ukraine.

The crimes being investigated occurred during the period June 1941 to July 1943.

Persons who can assist the investigation are asked to contact the RCMP directly by calling collect to (613) 990-8481 or by contacting Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress at (416) 635-2883.

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Demjanjuk goes on hunger strike

JERUSALEM — John Demjanjuk, the accused Nazi war criminal "Ivan the Terrible" sentenced to death by an Israeli court, decided to go on a hunger strike from his prison cell starting March 1, his lawyer said.

Demjanjuk, 73, has appealed his verdict to Israel's High Court of Justice and sources said that a ruling in the long-running case should be issued within two months.

March 1 marked the seventh anniversary of the day when Demjanjuk was extradited to Israel from the U.S.

Demjanjuk has planned the hunger strike as a protest against his situation, said his lawyer, Yoram Sheftel.

The former U.S. autoworker has also complained about the lengthy amount of time that his trial and appeal has taken.

The last court session in the appeal was held June 9, 1992.

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Shas facing deep financial woes

JERUSALEM — Shas's financial troubles are so serious party MKs might end up without their monthly paychecks and many employees, especially office staff, have been dismissed in recent weeks.

Shas's financial troubles started on January 11 when State Comptoller Miriam Ben-Porat published her devastating report singling out both Labor and Shas for political corruption.

Labor was accused of "paying for power" and Shas of taking that payment. Shas was fined some $1 million.

It is the need to pay that heavy fine which is putting Shas so deeply in the red. The situation is reported to be so dire that a lien might be placed on the party MKs' salaries "if Shas does not find other means of paying its fine or if it does not succeed in fighting the fine in the courts," MK Shlomo Benezri said.

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Sharon says he may run for PM

JERUSALEM — Ariel Sharon may enter the race for prime minister, he announced last week.

"I see the possibility that somewhere down the line I will declare my candidacy for prime minister," Sharon said, though he reiterated that he has no intention of entering the Likud primaries.

Sharon, speaking to reporters in Jerusalem after addressing a conference of settler activists sponsored by Emunim, said he sees himself as the Likud candidate best equipped to tackle the country's security and economic problems.

He also called for a gradual abolition of US non-military aid, claiming this aid has tied the government's hands to such a degree that it cannot act independently, and must first coordinate everything with the U.S. administration.

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Israeli fails in UN bid

UNITED NATIONS — Yehudit Karp, Israel's deputy attorney general, lost her bid last week to join the committee monitoring the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

This was the first such bid by an Israeli for a position on a United Nations committee. The 10 members of the committee are elected by the 128 signatory nations to the convention.

Karp fared better than some of the other candidates for the five vacant posts. She received support from 19 countries, among them Egypt.

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Rabin at AIPAC convention

WASHINGTON — Over 2,000 members of the nation's pro-Israel community, including delegates from Canada, will gather in Washington March 21-23 for the 34th annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Participants will join members of Congress, Administration policy makers, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in examining the current status of the U.S.-Israel relationship and formulating goals for the future. Registration is now open.

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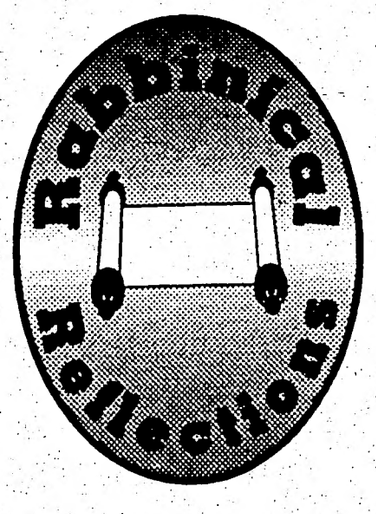

By RABBI SOLOMON SPIRO

Certain holy scriptures are known to us as megillot, or scrolls. They are independent works that are nevertheless considered part of our sacred writings. On Purim we read the Megillah of Esther.

The first Purim took place at the end of the first exile of the Jewish people when most of them lived in Persia amid riches and palaces. However, one of the ministers of the king, Haman, took offence at Mordechai, a prominent Jew who refused to bow down to him, and devised a plan to do away with the Jewish people and thus avenge his embarrassment. Esther, Mordechai's niece, became queen of Persia at that time, having been chosen for her beauty after the execution of the previous queen. Clearly it is Esther who is the heroine of the scroll as she undertakes to rescue her people even at the risk of her life. At a critical juncture she enters the king's chambers uninvited, knowing full well that the consequences may be summary execution.

Esther had a good life. She lived in luxury, as did most of the Jews of the day. Her husband, the king loved her, ready to offer her "half a kingdom" at her request. But could she enjoy it fully? She had to worry about her position, her impression upon the king, her public relations with the ministers. She had to keep in mind constantly that whatever she did would ultimately reflect on her and her people. In short, she could not be herself.

We get an insight into her fearful heart as the megillah tells us of her trembling spirit as she approached the king to plead for her people. We can imagine the anxiety with which she acted out her role of queen at the "banquet which she gave for the king and Haman." She had no one to consult, to calm her fears, to give her courage, to sympathize with her plight. Mordechai, himself in danger, could but give her general news of her people through a court messenger and place before her the moral challenge of using her position to somehow save her people. She had to rely on her own resourcefulness and wit to formulate and execute any plans. She could not weep for she was a queen, she could not show fear, for it would weaken her position; she could not turn to a soul for fear of betrayal. No wonder the rabbis of the time acquiesced to her request at the end of her ordeal to include her story in the Holy Scriptures. Such bravery must be immortalized!

The people of Israel are compared very frequently in figurative language to the female sex. The Song of Songs, another megillah, the rabbis tell us, is an allegory describing in the language of mortal emotions the dialogue of eternal love between G-d and Israel. Esther, although a real person, is also symbolic of the Jewish people. Luxury, satiety, plenty, but no security! Perhaps tomorrow Haman will come and take it away, even our lives! Constantly planning with wit and diplomacy how to utilize invitations to the banquets of the King and Haman. The good life is all contrived and artificial.

The rabbis ordained that Purim be celebrated a day later in cities which had walls from the days of Joshua in order to give honor to the land of Israel. They hint that galut celebrations like Purim are but a preliminary to the ultimate future of the Jewish people in the Holy Land. The Jew in Israel who embraces the Torah of Israel chooses his destiny, and it is the true destiny of the people of Israel. There he can be himself. There are no kings and courtiers to impress. From an economical and international position Israel is not entirely out of galut but her inhabitants can be themselves, something which has not happened to the Jews for the last two thousand years.

Britain's first eruv is rejected

LONDON (JTA) — A five-year-old struggle by North London's Orthodox community to erect an eruz was dealt a bittler blow when a local planning council rejected the plan.

After weeks of controversy, the planning and research committee of the Barnet Council voted 11-7 against the establishment of what would have been Britain's first eruv.

An eruv is a continuous boundary marker used to define an enclosed area in which traditionally observant Jews are able to carry objects on the Sabbath, an activity that would otherwise be prohibited.

The North London eruv would have been largely comprised of man-made boundaries such as a local highway and train tracks. But to make the boundary continuous at other points, eruv supporters proposed to string wire between 85 poles at certain locations.

Barnet's public works committee had already approved the plans for the eruv. But a majority of the planning and research committee felt the necessary posts and wires would disfigure local scenery.

Frank Davis, one of six Jewish council members, said the poles required for the eruv would be a cause of "demonstrable harm to the environment of a conservation area of national importance."

Rabbi Alan Kimche, who originally started the campaign for the eruv, said he would appeal the decision to Michael Howard, the secretary of state for the environment.

"There certainly will be an appeal," Kimche told reporters after the vote was announced.

The eruv was to have covered six square miles, including Hendon, Golders Green, Hampstead Garden Suburb and parts of Finchley.

The case has drawn widespread attention after a petition signed by 3,500 supporters of the eruv was submitted to the Barnet Town Hall.

Hendon Synagogue's Rabbi Sidney Silberg, who presented the petition to an official at the Town Hall reception desk, said the eruv was vital to enable disabled congregants to attend Shabbat services.

"We have a number of members with disabilities who we would love to come to shul. We even have a wheelchair ramp," Silberg said.

Without an eruv, it is forbidden under rabbinic law to push a wheelchair or baby stroller on Shabbat.

Eruv supporters also disputed assertions that the eruv would mar the region's scenery.

Alan Perrin, technical adviser to the United Synagogue's eruv committee, pointed out that there are already 50,000 lampposts and telegraph poles in the borough of Barnet.

"Eighty-five thin poles in six square miles is hardly a significant change in the street scenery," Perrin said.

David Schreiber, chairman of the eruv committee, said he had sought advice from Jewish communities in Washington, Los Angeles, Boston and Melbourne, Australia, which had all won municipal approval for eruvim.

Front Line

Sar-El experience helps to better understand soldiers

"Whosoever survives a test, whatever it may be, must tell the story, that is his duty." **Elie Wiesel**

By DENISE NEVO

When something happens in Israel, we all watch the news anxiously from the comfort of our North American homes. All of us have seen Israeli soldiers running in the streets of Jerusalem, patrolling the roads in the territories, being stoned in Gaza, or arresting Arab suspects.

Years ago, when I looked at these soldiers on my television screen, I saw men. I always felt for them, but what I saw then were military men doing their military job. I was the young mother of two young children, living comfortably in Canada. Then my children grew up, and little by little these men on my TV screen looked younger and younger, until they were no longer men in my eyes, they were my children's age, they were nothing but children themselves . . . Children with a loaded gun, running to defend our country, Israel. What did I really know about them?

"You don't know a person until you have walked at least a mile in his shoes," says the proverb. Last year, I had the extraordinary opportunity of walking countless miles in an Israeli soldier's shoes. Now I understand a little better this "rite of passage" experienced by every 18-year-old Israeli boy and girl: Tzahal (*Tzava Hagana Leisrael*), the Israeli Defence Forces.

For three years (two for the girls), all Israeli youths put their lives on hold to serve their country. In turn, I decided to put my own life on hold for three weeks, to share their experience: I joined Sar-El, the National Project for Volunteers for Israel.

Sar-El is a voluntary, non-political organization which provides the Diaspora Jew with an opportunity to participate directly in helping Israel. It was begun in 1982, in response to a need to alleviate the manpower shortage arising from the Lebanese war. That year, an initial group of 650 American volunteers responded to the call to come to work in the fields of the Golan Heights, and later suggested that this program be permanently established. Its objectives are to enable Israeli reservists to remain with their jobs and families, and to build lasting relationships between Israeli and Diaspora Jews.

For personal reasons I decided not to travel with the group from Toronto, which I only joined at Ben Gurion Airport upon their arrival in Israel. Twenty-two men and women, ranging in age from 19 to 75. For many, it was their first time as volunteers, but a few were "repeaters," including Percy, a 73-year-old man who was coming for the sixth time. We were greeted by our *madriha'a*, a 21-year-old Israeli named Tseela, and we were immediately informed of our destination: Tze'elim, a maintenance base located about one hour's drive south-west of Be'er-Sheva, in the heart of the Negev.

At first, I was a little disappointed to be sent south, but after a few days this location proved to be much better than I could have imagined. In fact, it was ideal for me, far away from civilian life, from the world of restaurants, theatres and beaches, from the hordes of tourists . . . Somehow the vast, empty, barren spaces of the Negev reminded me of the pinoeering mystique of the early days of the modern State of Israel.

A chartered bus drove us from the airport to the base. I had not been in Israel for 15 years, and I could not keep my eyes off the magnificent scenery unfolding in front of us. After about two hours we reached the desert, passed a few Bedouin villages, and then there was Tze'elim, nestled in the desert dust and sand. We drove through the main gate of the base which was to be my home for the next three weeks.

A short while later, when we were assigned our rooms, I met my roommates: Celia, 70, Esther, 67, and Bess, 65. As I looked around the spartanly furnished room (four bunk beds, four small metal cabinets, blankets and sleeping bags) and the open shower room at the end of the hall, I was reminded of my student residence at Middlebury College, during my university years.

But I immediately dismissed this thought: I wasn't here to study and get a degree. This was a totally different experience. I was here to work alongside Israeli soldiers, I was in the Israeli Army. I was not the only one reflecting on the situation. Esther, who had slumped onto her bed, exhausted from the long trip, the heat, the jet lag, said: "Oh dear! I hope G-d will give me the strength to do what I came here to do!"

After lunch, we received our uniforms. The younger generation in our group felt it was the most exciting part of the program. For the older ones, it proved to be more complicated than we expected, as some of us had problems finding the right size. We each received two shirts, two pairs of pants, a pair of socks, a hat, a belt, a canteen, and a pair of army boots. We took all of this to our rooms, we tried everything on, we attempted to see ourselves in full length in our small hand mirrors, and we sighed . . . This afternoon, we could rest. Tomorrow morning, work would start.

The next day, after breakfast, which was served between 7 and 7:30 a.m., we gathered in the main square and received our assignments. All the *mefakdim* (commanders) who wanted some help came to claim us: some needed two or three strong men for heavy work, while others had lighter jobs to be completed. All needed able and willing bodies and the 22 of us were ready.

Tze'elim is a *basis tah'zuka* (maintenance base) where tanks, cannons, military vehicles and supplies of all kinds are kept in continuously perfect working order, ready to go and to be used, at any time, within minutes. Some of us worked at the same location during the entire three weeks, others got various assignments: in the bunkers, sorting ammunition boxes and chemical gas masks, replacing stretcher handle covers, painting tent poles for field hospitals, sorting uniforms, cleaning warehouses, or even preparing lunch (cutting up into tiny pieces 40 pounds of onions, cucumbers and tomatoes for an Israeli salad to feed an army of 400).

We worked five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a lunch break between 12 and 1:30 p.m. It was hot (temperatures reached 40°C), and we worked hard, but nobody complained.

Taking a break from their rigorous tasks are, from left, Celia Bullion, Denise Nevo, Esther Litowitz and Bess Good.

We were sent to our places of work in groups of two or three volunteers, and always worked along with Israeli soldiers. We also talked a lot with them, at least I did, since I speak Hebrew. These talks proved to be the most valuable, the most moving part of the program, for us as well as for them. In fact, we were repeatedly told that if the physical work we were doing was important, the most meaningful aspect of the program was the *kesher*, the link we were establishing between Israel and the Diaspora, the interest and care we showed toward Israel by coming to work in the army, the stories we would bring home.

Every morning before work, I took long walks by myself in the desert. The air was still crisp from the night as the sun slowly appeared. I looked at the dry land surrounding me, searching for traces of animal and plant life. But what I mostly saw were the cannons, neatly parked, standing on guard under their sand-colored covers, ready to go at the first sign of an alarm. Soldiers in the *migdal shmira* (watch tower) would wave at me, stiff and tired from their night duty. Israel was waking up for another day. Would it be a peaceful one?

I worked mainly with Lee, a 60-year-old from Toronto. When we worked on the stretchers, whose rubber handles have to be re-covered every two years to prevent cracking, the two of us wondered, after replacing them on the storage shelves, if they would still be there two years from now, when the covers would normally have to be replaced once again. We hoped that nobody would have to touch them until then. We hoped they would never see the light of day.

Lee and I often tried to decipher the Hebrew inscriptions on boxes in the warehouses where we worked: 'soldier's kit for chemical war,' 'protective mask for chemical war,' 'medical supplies for chemical war.' This base surely was ready for the worst. Every base in Israel is ready.

In October 1973, the Egyptian and Syrian armies attacked Israel simultaneously on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, catching the Israelis entirely off guard. Since then, every military base is ready, every soldier is ready, every reservist is ready, the entire country is ready. While at Tze'elim, each and every minute of our daily work, we were reminded of that fact.

After dinner, we usually had either a meeting with the commander of a lecture (on the IDF, on the M-16 and the Galil, on Operation Solomon, etc.). One evening, we had entertainment from the *La'akat Harabanut Hatzva'it*, a military group composed of five singers and three musicians. As soon as the group started singing, all the soldiers went wild. For me, sitting among 250 young Israeli soldiers singing Israeli songs at the top of their lungs, in the middle of the Negev, the evening was magical. It was the same for Esther, who said to me at the end of the performance: "For a few minutes, I felt 20 years old again."

After the evening lectures, we often went for walks around the base, in groups of three or four. By then, night had fallen and the air was cool. It was during one of these walks that Percy explained to me: "Our generation is so privileged. After 2,000 years of exile, we have seen the birth of *Medinat Israel* (the State of Israel), we finally have a country, an army to defend us. As Canadian volunteers, we have the extraordinary privilege to see it with our own eyes, hands-on, to be a full part of it for three weeks. How fortunate we are."

Percy was born in Poland. As a child he had been oppressed and persecuted because he was a Jew; later, he experienced rejection by many countries, he saw the Jews turned down by the entire world in World War II. "Today, this can no longer happen because of Israel. We are free to be Jewish, anywhere, thanks to Israel, and for this reason we must do our utmost to help Israel. Because of circumstances, some of us do not live in Israel. Most of us give money regularly. It is easy to sign a cheque. It is less easy to come here and work in the army . . ."

Then Percy looked at the beautiful sky, the stars, the full moon. He thought about his wife back in Toronto: "She can see the same moon, she is at the same distance from it as we are ourselves, and yet we are so far away from Canada . . ." Indeed we were, and not only in geographical distance.

I also met a lot of older men on the base: the reservists. Until they reach the age of 50, Israeli men report for *miluim* (reserve duty) for a period of three to five weeks per year. They have to leave behind their wives, their young children, their jobs. It puts a terrible strain on their lives. The work I did this summer will help one of them stay home with his family a little longer this year.

We were free every weekend. On Friday mornings, a chartered bus drove us to either Be'er-Sheva, Tel Aviv, or Jerusalem. From there, everyone made his/her own plans. I visited my relatives and friends, I went folk dancing with my cousin Yosef, I visited several museums in Tel Aviv with my friend Sonia, I had dinner in Old Jaffa with my friends Ruti and Gabi, I watched the evening news on television with my cousins Benyamin and Yehudit, and I attended a performance of *Prince Igor* by the Kirov Opera of the Maryinsky Theatre, St. Petersburg, in the Roman Theatre in Caesarea, a truly unique experience. And every Sunday morning, I joined the thousands of young soldiers in uniform at the Tel Aviv *Tah'ana merkazit* (Central Bus Station) to catch the early bus to Be'er Sheva.

What an extraordinary feeling it is to be sitting in a bus where 95 percent of the passengers are 18- to 20-year-old men and women in uniform carrying a gun. On my first Sunday morning returning to the base, I experienced what most Israelis go through day in and day out: the bus station was temporarily evacuated because an unidentified parcel had been spotted. The police arrived with a robot, the parcel was destroyed, and within 15 minutes, life was back to normal. Nobody seemed to worry, except me . . .

On Israeli buses, the radio is always on, and every hour on the hour, there is a news broadcast. The driver turns up the volume, conversations die out and everybody listens. On my second Sunday morning going back to the base, the news was dreadful: a 15-year-old schoolgirl had been stabbed outside her home in Bat Yam (a Tel Aviv suburb) on her way to school, by a 19-year-old Palestinian from Gaza. During the entire trip to Be'er Sheva, we heard the development of that terrible news. A soldier travelling on a passing bus shot at the attacker, a car driver stopped and did the same, and the assailant was finally seized by passersby. The young girl did not survive her wounds.

On our last day, we only worked half a day. The afternoon was reserved for a photo session (we were not allowed to take any pictures on the base during our stay, for security reasons). We had worked very hard for three weeks, and by then we were very tired. That morning, Esther told me she was happy it was over, but she also felt a little sad. So did I. It was like spending the last day with family members before a long separation.

That last morning, I worked with Mordi, who wanted us to fold huge nets that are used to cover military vehicles in the desert. Mordi knew it was our last day, and he felt more like talking than working. So we talked. He told me about his experience in the army, about his months of duty at the Lebanese border and about Gaza where he patrolled the streets for weeks. He told me about the young Palestinian who threw stones at him, seriously wounding him in the leg, and how he fired a rubber bullet at his assailant. Mordi has already seen and done so much, and yet he is only 20 years old.

We had a special farewell lunch with Meir, the commander in charge of our group, and many of the other commanders we had worked with. We were each given a certificate and a pin, and we were profusely thanked for all our help. In the afternoon we returned our uniforms. Before handing them over I looked at the boots I had used during the past three weeks: indeed, I *had* walked a mile, and much more, in an Israeli soldier's shoes, and I was beginning to understand Israeli life.

In the morning, just before we left the base for the last time, many soldiers came to say goodbye. From the bus taking us to Tel Aviv, we took one last look at the base: the tanks and the ambulances, ubiquitous, were still standing on guard. "Now that we got to know some of them personally, it will be so much harder if we hear that something happened," said Esther. Yes, Ofer, Gabi, Haim, Sharona, Ido, Berie, Yitzhak, Dov and all the others, we shall often think of you, and I dearly hope that you will all stay well.

Some of us returned home after the last day of the program while others stayed on for a few more days. I toured the country for 12 days, visiting friends and relatives in Ashkelon, Tel Aviv, Herzlia, Ra'anana and Haifa. In Kibbutz Megiddo, I spent a few days with my friend Sonia. I also visited my friends Veeda and Dave and their son Liron in their Kfar Kish moshav, near Mount Tabor, and they took me for a memorable visit to a caravan park in Kfar Tabor, where several hundred of the 14,160 immigrants who had arrived from Ethiopia on Operation Solomon exactly one year earlier were living.

We were greeted by a crowd of beautiful black children, who had gathered around our car like flies on a sugar cube. I met the family Veeda and Dave have "adopted." The oldest daughter, Terengo (in her 20s), and her own little girl, 6-year-old Zahava, who spoke in very hesitant Hebrew, invited us into their caravan.

My emotion was intense as I shared these few moments with some of the people who had been part of the miracle rescue, the historic life-saving mission. As Terengo and I hugged and said goodbye, I realized that this meeting was the perfect conclusion of a trip that had meant so much to me, that had brought me closer than ever to Israel and its people.

At that moment, I knew that I would be back next year, that I would work again for three weeks on an army base, and that I would pay a call on Terengo and Zahava.

For more information on Sar-El, write the Canadian Volunteers for Israel office: 788 Marlee Ave., Suite 301, Toronto, Ont. M6B 3K1, or call (416) 781-6089.

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Thwarting evil

There are many valid reasons for the media not to cover "events" produced by or involving the hatemongers among us. Doing so would deny them even the slightest measure of unintended legitimacy; pre-empt 'copy-cat' behavior; avoid indirectly adding to their sordid ranks; and spare their individual or group targets and the victims of past hatreds the painful cruelty of relived traumas.

It is an old debate, re-triggered recently in our community by the courtroom appearance of sundry white supremacists and by the frightful flurry of overt, ugly anti-Semitic incidents in Quebec and Ontario.

And yet, despite these compelling reasons, there is an even weightier one in favor of media coverage. It stems from the over-riding obligation which falls upon us all to actively thwart the evil intended by hatemongers. Passive tolerance is unacceptable; dismissive ridicule is vainly blind; but concerted disregard is downright dangerous.

Thwarting evil is a complicated, multi-tiered task involving governments, law enforcement authorities, human rights agencies, individuals and organizations who detest racism, bigotry, Nazism and the Nazi sympathizer. It is a task whose success requires, at a minimum, commitment, for the process is long; courage, for the foe is brutal; and action, for wishful thinking will not suffice.

But the underpinning of any effort to resist and to thwart the hatemonger is the need for an educated and informed public. Without information, how can the public be expected to recognize the danger, let alone to prevent it?

Informing the public is the media's primary role. The stories must be covered to ensure that the public knows that hatemongers exist, who they are, what they stand for, and what they are capable of doing. That is not to say, for the sake of getting the story out, that any manner of media coverage is acceptable. It is not. We witnessed and still remember some of the inexcusably shoddy journalism produced during the first Zundel trial. The media coverage that we expect and demand must conform to high professional standards, marked by appropriate detail, rigor, responsibility and context.

Turning away won't make the hatemongers go away. They must be exposed and scorned. And this cannot be done without the media.

Fair trade

Japan, Asia's most affluent country, has for years been a slavish adherent of the Arab economic boycott of Israel. The boycott was created by the Arab League in order to strangle Israel's nascent economy. Japan has maintained cordial bilateral relations with Israel, but in co-operating with the spirit and the letter of the boycott, the Japanese government has regrettably played fast and loose with the rules of fair international trade.

Of late, we're pleased to report, Japan has begun to distance itself from this egregious boycott. Recently, the Japanese foreign minister, Michio Wantanbe, informed an American Jewish Committee delegation in Tokyo that Japan has taken concrete steps to end its compliance with the boycott.

As part of this new and welcome policy, Japanese chambers of commerce have agreed to stop issuing notorious "negative certificates of origin." They indicate that manufactured products do not contain parts made in Israel. For too long now, these certificates have squelched the unencumbered flow of trade between Japan and Israel.

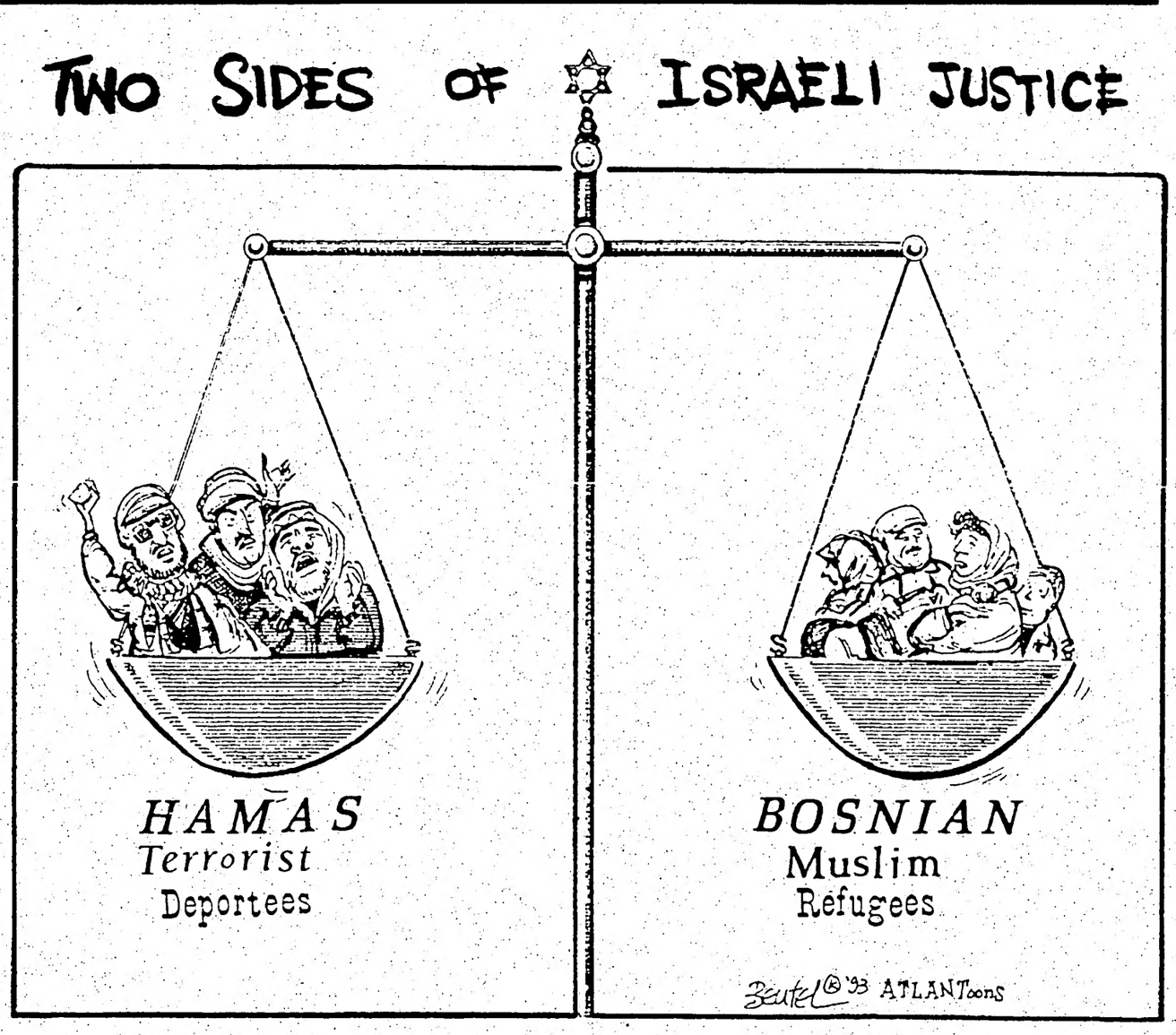
Japanese ambassadors accredited to the Arab world have been instructed to express "disapproval" of the boycott and to urge Arab states to call a halt to the blacklisting of countries trading with Israel.

Japan has promised to expand its sparse commercial contacts with Israel. In its haste to curry favor with the Arabs, Japan has not cultivated the Israeli market with its usual meticulousness and thereby missed great opportunities.

If Japan ends its compliance with the boycott, it can truly strike a blow for the just cause of global free trade. Yet, even if Japan does so, there are still grave problems to be overcome, all the result of the nefarious boycott.

Japanese multinational companies are still reluctant to invest in Israel, a sore point in Jerusalem. Japan Airlines has yet to open a route to Israel. Japanese banks are loathe to do business with Israel. In the latest case, the Osaka-based Sanwa Bank withdrew from a pending credit agreement with Israel Aircraft Industries.

In short, we urge Japan to eliminate *all* the anomalies which interfere with the pursuit of free, unfettered trade. Japan, which depends on such commerce for its very survival and prosperity, is morally and pragmatically obliged to sever its connection with the Arab boycott.



Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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OPEN LETTER TO JEWS

On behalf of the English-speaking Catholic community in Mount Royal, we wish to add our voice to those who have decried and condemned the desecrations of tombstones in Jewish cemeteries and, more recently, of Jewish institutions and private homes.

The intolerance and prejudice directed at the Jewish community is racism. We cannot remain silent. We need to repeatedly condemn racism until such time as these injustices are no longer part of our society. The swastika in the history of the Jewish people is more than a threat, it is a reminder of the attempted genocide of the whole people.

Our voice is not only a voice of support for a community of faith, it is also a voice of hope that we can work effectively against racism until it is eradicated from the face of the earth. Unequivocally, the English-speaking Catholic community of Montreal condemns all racism and any anti-Semitism whatsoever, to whomever, whenever.

We must become involved in dialogue if we are to stem the tide of racism and anti-Semitism in our city. True dialogue begins when we understand another person as the person understands himself and herself.

The Clergy, Wardens and Parishioners
(Rev. Fr.) Barry A. Jones
Annunciation Parish
Town of Mount Royal, Que.

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ANY NEWS ON VOS

We are looking for information on Vos, Isaac, born 09-05-1895; Vos-Presser, Catharina, born 02-06-1898; Vos, Betsy, born 11-01-1926; Vos, Schoontje, born 21-02-1929; Vos, Joseph, born 14-02-1932.

Last known address: Vrolik Straat 74, Amsterdam.

Between March and June they were deported to Camp Westerbork, Holland. January 11, 1944 deported to Bergen-Belsen. During 1945 shipped for potential prisoner exchange to Ulm, possibly Wurzach. Liberated April 25, 1945.

Please write to:
Holocaust Remembrance Committee
4600 Bathurst Street #519
North York, Ont.
M2R 2V3, Canada

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LOOKING FOR DONNE

I am searching for relatives living in Toronto by the name of Donn or Donne. My father, who came from Leeds, was Daniel Price Donne, formerly known as David Price. He married Blanche Marcusson. I believe I have family in Canada.

Sidney Price Donne
47 Broomhill Gardens
Newton Mearis, Shawcourt
Glasgow 977.5 HP

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MACHAL REUNION

We believe that among your readers there are probably some former members of Machal, the men and women who volunteered in the Aliyah Bet and the War of Independence 1947, 1948. Some 2,000 Americans and Canadians volunteered in those days.

We are having a reunion in Israel, April 16-28. As we are a bunch of volunteers we find it difficult to contact these men and women. We hope that your readers are among the group. To receive full information they can contact Lou Kotzen, 22217 Craggy View St., Chatsworth Ca, 91311. Or they can fax our committee in Israel 972 3 202 621.

Murray S. Greenfield
2 Shamir St., Tel Aviv 69693

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WIESEL'S CONTRIBUTION

This is otherwise an instructive editorial comment on President Francois Mitterrand's Day of Remembrance decree (Feb. 11) but it nevertheless overlooks Elie Wiesel's contribution to fostering memory worldwide and notably in France, where Wiesel is a frequent lecturer at academic and political circles of which the president is a constitutive part.

Eli Pfefferkorn
Toronto

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IT'S ALL IN ISRAEL

In response to Ben Rose's article on intermarriage (Feb. 11) the question "why be Jewish" was raised. The answer is eclectic but it can all be found in one place — Israel.

From a cultured, social, historical and religious perceptive, it is all there: The Western Wall, Yad Vashem, Tel Hai, Masada, etc. These places should be explained and be a part of every teenager's education.

Harvey Vinsky
Toronto

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OFFENSIVE OPINION

With regard to Dan Raviv's remarks on the Pollard case (CJN, Feb. 4), the only thing larger than his ignorance is his arrogance. If he has difficulty with the hundreds of rabbis who participated in a full page *N.Y. Times* ad petitioning for communication of Pollard's sentence; if he can't appreciate the endless list of major Jewish organizations including the World Jewish Congress, Hadassah, B'nai B'rith International and every major federation and rabbinical board from coast to coast in Canada and the United States of America; if he thinks he is wiser than all of the millions of people worldwide who are appalled by the harsh and excessive sentence meted out to Pollard and who have petitioned for Pollard's communication, to all this, we can say fine.

But does Raviv also think he knows more about the law and about excesses of justice than does the entire body of The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJL)? The IAJL scrutinized the legal documentation on the case, debated the issues and arrived at a solidly informed conclusion. Led by Bert Raphael, Jonathan Pollard's Canadian legal counsel, the IAJL issued a statement citing the harsh and excessive nature of Pollard's sentence and calling for its immediate commutation to time served.

On behalf of myself and the hundreds of thousands of Canadian supporters who found Raviv's remarks lacking in factual basis and thoroughly offensive.

E. Zeitz
Toronto

Opinion

Sephardim an important part of Judaism

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Recently I had a visit from Professor Sara Taïëb-Carlen, a charming lady of Tunisian origin, who teaches at York University. She is devoting a great deal of energy to Sephardi culture and tradition and hopes to have a chair of Sephardi studies established at York.

She found me highly sympathetic to the idea. For the longest time I have believed that we are all the losers if the splendid Sephardi heritage, upon which much of our Jewish life is based, is obscured instead of honored. While the great majority of Jews all over the world are Ashkenazim in origin, the Judaism to which all of us adhere would be unthinkable without its Sephardi component. In fact, the way we pray and practise our religion, as well as the way we interpret Bible and Jewish law have a Sephardi basis.

Readers may wonder how a quintessential Ashkenazi like myself becomes enamored by this issue. But my perceptions have to do with Judaism as a religious culture, and not with the various places to which our people emigrated.

A few words on terminology. Ashkenaz is mentioned in the First Book of Chronicles and is connected with Germania by the Talmud. The term Sepharad occurs also only once in the Bible, at the end of the Book Obadiah, but there it is most likely a reference to a town in Asia Minor and not Spain, which was a connection made later on.

Rabbi Plaut

In the early centuries of the Jewish Diaspora very few communities were established in Northern and Western Europe. Most Jews lived in the Middle East and in lands bordering the Mediterranean. By the year 1000 C.E. Spanish Jewry became the centre of Jewish life and its major cultural figures left an indelible impression on our culture. To mention just a few: Moses and Abraham Ibn Ezra, Solomon Ibn Gabirol, Yehuda Halevi, and of course the Rambam (Maimonides). The Shulchan Aruch, the basic law book of Jewish tradition, was composed by Joseph Karo, a Sephardi.

The ascendancy of Ashkenazi Jewry did not occur until after the expulsion of the Jews from Spain. In time, German Jews migrated to Poland, Lithuania and Russia and became the major standard bearers of our faith.

As happens so often in human societies, the majority has but a scant interest in the minority, and that is true today for Ashkenazim with regard to Sephardim. The "Westerners" have the larger numbers, but we do not necessarily have a more potent tradition, culture, or music. In fact, we would gain a great deal by rediscovering our roots and connections, and we would all be the richer for it.

The first Jewish settlers in North America, including Canada, were Sephardi and not Ashkenazi Jews. They were people with strong convictions, yet with a sense of tolerance for others whose ways were different. Their services remain beautiful and stately, their melodies attractive and inspiring, and their potential contribution to our community is invaluable.

By undervaluing the Sephardim in our midst we are short-changing ourselves, and a chair of Jewish studies would help to right the balance. But in addition we also need a different view of the Sephardim in our midst. They call Yahrzeit and Yizkor by different names (nachalah and hashkabah) and their shul is an [e]snoga; they do not go up the bimah but to the tevah — but when they do they do it with no less devotion than we can muster.

There is of course much more to the Sephardim than indicated by these few lines, but then, a column in *The Canadian Jewish News* is not the same as a chair in Jewish studies.

Workers should have right to take religious days off

By STEPHEN BEDINGFIELD

For Rani, Christmas is an unsettling time. Halfheartedly looking forward to her days off on Christmas and Boxing Day, she habitually exchanges season's greetings with her co-workers as they leave the office. Their warm expressions deeply touch her, but something is wrong in her voice, something submerged just beneath the surface, barely perceptible to the most sensitive. Rani feels out of place.

If the choice had been hers, she would have celebrated Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, two months past.

Like most religious minorities she is constrained by a workplace environment that is incompatible with her spiritual needs. She cannot even contemplate her festival as a paid general holiday.

Sound familiar? It does to many of Canada's diverse religious and ethnic communities who are bounded to statutory holidays that have been defined by western Christian practice and secular influences. The traditions of Canada's religious minorities, including Jews, Muslims, Bahá'ís, Orthodox Christians, Buddhists and Sikhs, do not conform to the general holidays that are set out in labor codes and commonly found in collective agreements across the country. Within the Jewish tradition, for example, 13 days each year are kept by observant Jews.

How should labor and management address this blatant form of institutionalized discrimination in a manner that respects all our diverse needs? A creative solution does exist: endorse the unfettered right of workers to individually select paid general holidays of their choice.

This solution evolved from my own experiences as a member of the Bahá'í faith. Obtaining days off in order to observe the Bahá'í holy days, a religious obligation for Bahá'ís able to do so, was never much trouble. Perhaps I was fortunate. My past employees — the federal government, a private insurance company, and a Catholic hospital organization, among others — were always able to accommodate my needs. Rescheduling my workdays occasionally sufficed, but normally I resorted to using lieu-time or my annual vacation credits.

And yet I objected to having to use up my annual leave or lieu-time, or having to take leave without pay, in order to have my Bahá'í holy days off, while I was being forced to observe Good Friday, Victoria Day, Christmas and the like — my own religious days remaining obscured and unrecognized. I sensed that a fundamental turning point in approach was imperative.

To make an exception for the sake of the Bahá'í, or for any group, would only serve to set them apart from the mainstream. And the mere substitution of statutory holidays as allowed under the federal and provincial labor codes does not allow for the individual selection of paid general holidays. Ad hoc allowances that employers may grant to minority employees, however well-motivated they may be, are not enough. Recognition of the diverse nature of our society, and the responsibility to protect the rights of minority groups, requires a higher level of commitment.

In June, 1991, a new approach was agreed on in the remote Arctic community of Cambridge Bay. The Public Service Alliance of Canada and the Cambridge Bay Housing Association, for whom I work, signed a new collective agreement that included a totally rewritten General Holidays clause. The traditional holidays such as New Year's Day, Christmas and Labor Day that were in the previous collective agreement were replaced with a worker's right to select 10 paid general holidays each calendar year.

Unlike the labor code provisions, which allow substitutions of general holidays in unionized shops when a majority of employees agree to a common day, each individual worker at the association is free to select according to her or his own conscience. Furthermore, their selections are not subject to approval by management. If employees do not exercise their right under this provision, then they take the holidays scheduled in the labor code.

Interestingly, the majority of employees exercised their rights for 1992. Thirty-four percent of the days they previously observed were replaced with their own custom-tailored days. Some Inuit workers took days off during their spring festival, while others named holidays to commemorate their wedding anniversaries.

The employer was very satisfied with the new clause. With staff observing different holidays, the association could remain open for business on more days. The operation costs of the provision were negligible.

Public response to the innovation, acknowledged as original and just, was generally favorable — although the odd bigoted remark occasionally surfaced. To the best of my knowledge, this was a first in North American labor relations.

This right goes a long way in enabling Jewish workers to observe their own special holy days. Observing Yom Kippur, or Rosh Hashanah, or taking off work to prepare for Passover would not be an issue. Extending the principle further, Jewish workers could select a 24-hour period which would count as their day off; thus bringing their day into line with the Jewish day — sunset to sunset.

Does this unique provision signal a shift towards respecting and protecting a worker's right to choose holidays that meet their spiritual or cultural needs, or is it simply an isolated anomaly?

In my view, a shift must start somewhere, even if on the fringes of a continent far away from the centres of activity. For workers, this shift occurs when they negotiate this right into their collective agreements, or terms and conditions of work. For management and those in positions of influence, the shift is clearly made when right is recognized.

A definite trend may emerge when more people, sensitive to the needs of minorities, examine the issues and seek justice. I am hopeful that both Jewish workers and managers, as well as influential members of the Jewish community, will be part of this trend. In the end, putting this right into our labor codes may well be our best answer. Then Rani may feel at home.

(Stephen Bedingfield, along with his family, has lived in the Arctic for 16 years where he presently works in public administration and writes in his spare time.)

Bahá'í Faith is found in virtually every country

The Bahá'í Faith (pronounced Bah-high) is a religious community of some five million people found in virtually every country, significant territory and island around the world. In 1992, Bahá'í commemorated the centenary of the passing of the Bahá'í Faith's prophet-founder, Bahá'u'lláh.

The Bahá'í World Centre with its attractive gardens, and resplendent Shrine of the Báb (forerunner of the Bahá'í Faith), is located in Acre and Haifa. It was to Acre that Bahá'u'lláh and his family were finally exiled to under Ottoman rule in the last century.

The oneness of humankind, the faith's central principle, engages the Bahá'í community in its many social tasks. Among these are: fostering friendship and unity among all peoples and combating all forms of prejudice, achieving full equality between the sexes, investing economic life with spiritual teachings, and advancing the cause of peace as a necessary step towards the global civilization prescribed by Bahá'u'lláh a century ago.

— **Stephen Bedingfield**

There's nothing like a quick dip for kashering

By ERICA MAYER RAUZIN

I guess we looked pretty strange, but no one asked any questions. There we were, three women in their forties, working out of a van and a station wagon parked on the beach, unloading pots, pans, dishes, trays, silverware, cutting boards, and kettles, and dumping each item, one by one, in the ocean.

Who would guess, except someone else who had been through the same process, that we were not just washing the cutlery in the sea? We were toiveling, immersing kitchen items in free flowing water, the final step in making them kosher.

We didn't look religious or spiritual. We looked nuts. We looked like an amateur moving company that washed up on shore and decided to do the dishes.

For those who have simply always been kosher (and thus never started from scratch) and for those who would simply never become kosher (and thus would never undertake such a project), our pleasure in this exercise might be incomprehensible. But pleasure there was. My friend, we'll call her Max, had wanted to keep kosher for a long time. She waited until her husband came around to the idea. She waited until her daughters were old enough to help. She waited until she thought she could manage the transition. The time had come.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Max made the resolution to go kosher a couple of months ago. In the interim, she gradually prepared for our one-day kashering marathon. She replaced items that couldn't be kashered, such as used plastic or wooden implements, so kashering day found her with boxes of new pots and pans, dishes and cutlery. Old items which could be kashered had been thoroughly cleaned and bathed in boiling water preparatory to being immersed. Max cleaned a closet where her wedding china and a few other heirloom pieces could be set aside for a year, the way Conservative Jews allow one to kasher porcelain that's been previously used.

We could have dipped her dishes at the mikvah, but the sea drew us instead. There were something large and mystical in the ocean, and in the physical labor of lifting, unwrapping, dipping, rinsing, and replacing each item. We were sharing a moment of growth, even if we looked like housewives gone amuck.

Max is a Conservative Jew, a professional, a practical woman. Our other cohort in this adventure was her friend Judy, an attorney, a Catholic. With friends like us, you don't need comedy videotapes. Judy was the innocent bystander, supportive but unemotional. I was the putative kosher expert. However, as I told Max, I know how to keep a kitchen kosher, but I didn't know how to make a kitchen kosher.

Fortunately, she consulted real experts on getting her oven kashered and other more complex steps in this transition, so I could kibbitz and clean out the pantry, knowing that higher authorities had provided halachic guidance.

Before we took the dishes to dip, I walked Max through her fridge, freezer and pantry, pulling non-kosher items. The grocery list grew as the discards mounted. Judy got the wine, the cheeses, the gourmet crackers. The local homeless shelter got the mixes, the canned foods, the breads, the grape jelly, the freezer bags of "cheesy fries," the marshmallows and the soups.

By the time we loaded up to go to the seaside, the kitchen was clean and half-empty, ready to receive everything we were preparing. We spent two hours at the beach unwrapping and dipping a kitchen's worth of paraphernalia as various fishermen and beachgoers cast strange looks at us.

When we got back to the house, we covered the front steps with dishes, bowls, utensils and pots, and squirted them with the garden hose to get the sand off before we took them inside to wash. By then, we were beyond caring if the neighbors thought we had taken to doing the dishes outdoors and beyond caring how we looked (like the Three Stooges on a bad day). We were in the home stretch now.

By sunset, we were drying, labelling and putting away. Then Max's husband came home. He looked at his kitchen, still the scene of evolving chaos. He looked at his wife and her friends, three wet, frowsy, exhausted, giddy women. Then, he grinned at us and asked, "So where's my first hot, home-cooked, kosher dinner?"

He made it out of the room before we beat him up.

Features

A surfeit of synagogues?

[Sheldon Kirshner visited Halifax recently. This is his second report on its Jewish community]

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Does Halifax have a surfeit of synagogues? It may sound like an heretical question, but to some community leaders, it isn't.

Halifax, whose first Jewish community arose in the mid-18th century, is served by two synagogues. The oldest, Beth Israel, is Orthodox. The newest, Shaar Shalom, is Conservative. Each sponsors an afternoon Jewish day school.

But with a Jewish population of about 1,500, does Halifax really need two synagogues?

Larry Freeman, president of the Atlantic Jewish Council, the governing body of Maritime Jewry, is in no doubt about the answer.

"There's just no need, and never was and never will be a need, for two synagogues. It's probably the most unfortunate thing that ever happened to this Jewish community. I'd hazard the guess that 90 percent of the community wants one synagogue."

Freeman, a member of Beth Israel, claims that it results in "a duplication of services" which costs the community at least $250,000 annually. And fund-raising is affected. "We don't do as well as we should."

Myra, his wife, said the existence of two synagogues is divisive, causing a "we" and "they" syndrome, especially among the younger generation. Jewish children, she explained, do not really socialize until they attend Camp Kadima, the community's much-acclaimed summer camp.

Beth Israel's new rabbi, Oren Ismailoff, an Israeli of Iranian origin, is not opposed in principle to two synagogues. But ideally, he added, there should be one. "It's a small community and the resources are limited."

In Lee Cohen's judgment, the community is simply wasting precious resources by "perpetuating this devisive arrangement."

He is regional vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and immediate past president of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Cohen, who deliberately belongs to a synagogue in Saint John, his hometown, argues that Halifax would be much better off with a Jewish community centre housing a synagogue, a school, a library, a gymnasium, a kosher kitchen and a senior citizens' home.

"This is what we desperately require."

As well, it was learned, Halifax could use a kosher butcher, a kosher bakery and perhaps even a kosher restaurant.

Of course, not everyone here believes that two synagogues are superfluous.

Dr. Irving Perlin, one of the founders of Shaar Shalom and its acting cantor, said the reasons which prompted its founding in the mid-1950s still exist. "We wanted a congregation that coincided with the times, and the Conservative movement seemed to offer that kind of approach."

Rabbi Jacob Chinitz, who recently retired as Shaar Shalom's spiritual leader, believes that the bitterness triggered by the formation of Shaar Shalom has more or less dissipated. "The antagonism between the two synagogues is mostly in good humor. There are a lot of occasions for co-operation."

And, he noted, there is no truth to the assertion that congregants of Beth Israel are "more religious" than those of Shaar Shalom. As he jocularly put it: "They all drive to synagogue."

Frank Medjuck, a founder of the Atlantic Jewish Council and a member of Beth Israel, contends there are no really Orthodox Jews, in the truest sense of the word, in Halifax. "Orthodoxy here is more modern when, say, compared to Toronto."

"We don't have any black hats in Halifax, and you won't find a sheitel in town," observed his wife, Hedda."

Asked for his comment, Rabbi Ismailoff said that the community "is trying to cling to its roots," but that "not many keep the sabbath."

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Beth Israel, which is also known as the Baron de Hirsch Congregation, was dedicated in February 1895. It was not only the first synagogue in Atlantic Canada, but the first Orthodox congregation east of Montreal.

According to Sheva Medjuck in *Jews of Atlantic Canada*, the first Jewish settlers arrived in Halifax shortly after its establishment in 1749. Most of them came from the American colonies. A modest community emerged, but it disappeared by the 1820s. Some, like the family of Moses Hart, were totally assimilated. His children were baptized at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

The community grew slowly in the 19th century, and by 1901, Halifax was home to 118 Jews. With mass immigration from Eastern Europe, the Jewish population increased dramatically.

Although Halifax was a major port of entry for Jewish refugees after World War II, few of them stayed, usually moving on to Montreal and Toronto.

Most Jews in Halifax are Canadian-born, but some, like Sol Fleisher, are relatively recent immigrants. He arrived in Canada 11 years ago via Israel and Latvia, and is a professor of electrical engineering at the Technical University of Nova Scotia.

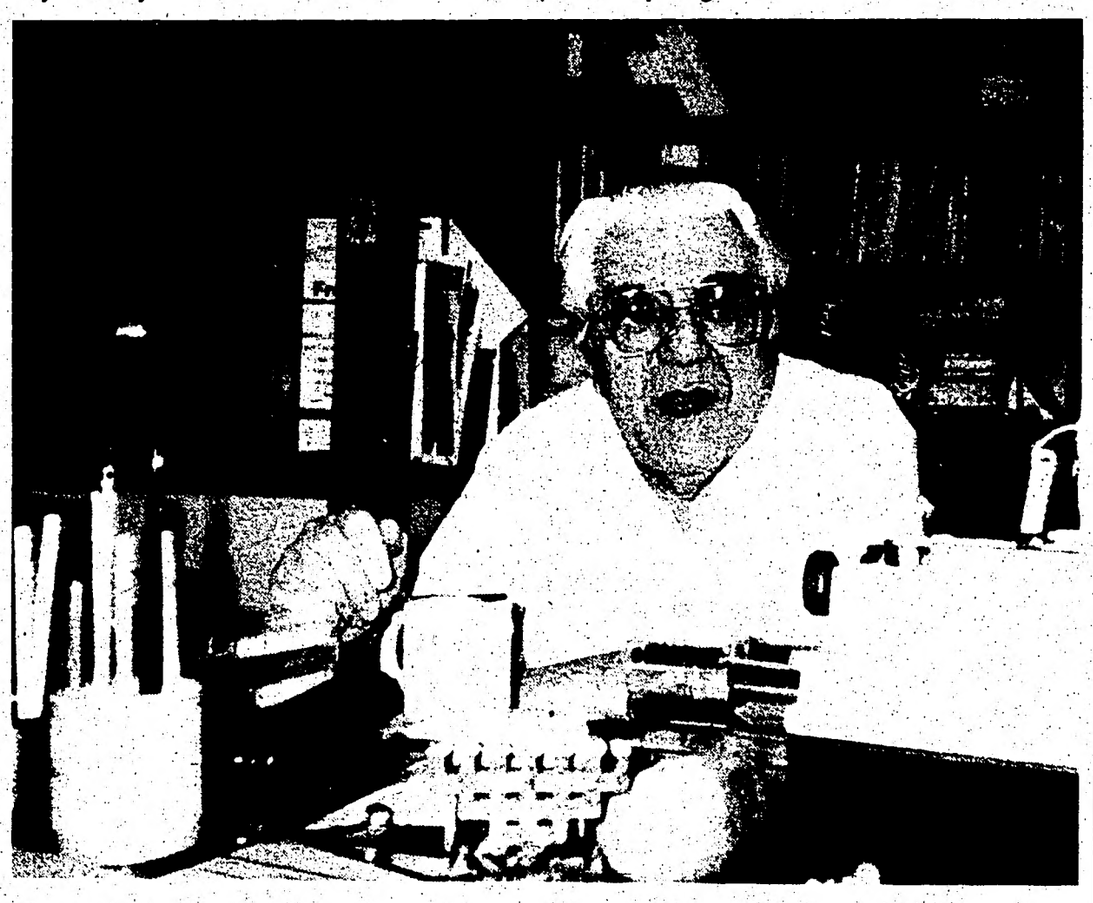
More than one in three Jews in Halifax are professionals, according to Medjuck. Another one-third are in managerial and proprietorial positions. Fifteen percent are white collar workers. Nearly 10 percent hold clerical and sales jobs, while almost two percent are skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers.

In her book, Medjuck noted that about 61 percent of her respondents had never experienced anti-Semitism.

Institutional anti-Semitism has declined "progressively," said one of Halifax's most distinguished physicians, Richard Goldbloom. "There's no such thing as a club that doesn't have Jewish members anymore."

It's a far cry from the days, before World War II, when anti-Semitism was prevalent. "We knew it existed and we accepted it," said a longtime member of the community.

Today, the incidence of anti-Semitism has dropped off sharply. But the emergence of white supremacist groups in Halifax of late suggests that it is anything but dead.



Rabbi Jacob Chinitz. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Henry Kissinger, the former American secretary of state, once remarked that there can be no peace in the Middle East without Syria. Few would disagree with that thesis, especially the Israeli negotiators currently locked in arduous bilateral talks with their Syrian counterparts in Washington.

The Syrians drive a hard bargain, but the Israelis recognize the absolute importance of reaching a viable peace agreement with their strongest and most determined Arab foe.

While Syria does not have the political stature of Egypt or the wealth of Saudi Arabia, it is a key frontline state whose imprimatur is essential if an Arab-Israeli accord is to have credibility, write Alasdair Drysdale and Raymond Hinnebusch in their erudite study, *Syria and the Middle East Peace Process* (Council of Foreign Relations Press, New York, $16.95 U.S.)

But, they warn, Syria will not cut a separate deal with Israel, like Egypt in 1979. Syria's paramount leader, Hafez Assad, believes that partial solutions can only strengthen Israel. He subscribes to the belief that the Arabs must act together and strive for a comprehensive arrangement on all fronts.

There is a broad consensus in Syria over what constitutes an acceptable settlement. Any Syrian regime which violates these precepts will apparently do so at its own peril. According to the authors, Syrians expect a total Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights and an equitable resolution of the Palestinian problem. Late last year, Syria offered Israel a "full peace" in exchange for a "full withdrawal." But Syria declined to spell out the details. At this writing, Israel was prepared to consider a partial evacuation of the Golan, in return for a peace treaty with all the bells and whistles.

Assad, of course, is a staunch opponent of Israel. But, as Drysdale and Hinnebusch correctly point out, he has "moderated significantly" Syria's animus toward Israel.

Syria's policy

Assad's immediate predecessors were rejectionists, animated by the undying conviction that Israel is an illegitimate entity, the product of Western colonialism. Furthermore, they were disdainful and contemptuous of the idea of accepting Israel's existence.

Assad's philosophic perception of Israel is not much different. However, he has explicitly endorsed United Nations resolutions 242 and 338, the cornerstones of Mideast peace-making diplomacy since the 1967 Six Day War. And he has scrupulously upheld the 1974 disengagement pact with Israel on the Golan, as well as their Red Line agreement with regard to spheres of influence in Lebanon.

In the late 1970s and the 1980s, Syria, which exploited Cold War tensions to the hilt, set out to build itself up as a major regional power. After Egypt's peace treaty with Israel and the Iraqi invasion of Iran, the balance of power tilted sharply against Syria. And so, with the Soviet Union's help, Assad attempted to achieve "strategic parity" with Israel.

In pursuit of this quest, Damascus spent billions of dollars, and in time, Syria's armed forces became a formidable bulwark which Israel has learned to respect. But with the demise of the Soviet Union, its chief arms supplier, Syria's ambitions have been thwarted, Drysdale and Hinnebusch suggest.

Drysdale and Hinnebusch also write knowingly of Syria's attitude toward the Palestinians. Syrian Ba'athist ideology embraces the concept of Palestinian self-determination. Yet Syria's relations with the PLO has been characterized by conflict as much as by solidarity.

Syria has pressured the PLO to adopt pro-Syrian policies, but Yasser Arafat, the PLO chieftain, has rarely co-operated. Instead, much to Syria's chagrin and anger, he has tried to preserve the PLO's independence and manoeuverability by cultivating relationships with Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Syrian policy, first and last, is guided by self-interest. Thus, Syria eliminated Palestinian guerrilla operations on the Golan and curbs them in southern Lebanon. Assad subscribes to Arab nationalist rhetoric, but in essence, Realpolitik is at the heart of his foreign policy.

Milestone in gay shul

By SUE FISHKOFF

Recently, close to 1,000 people jammed into Congregation Beth Simchat Torah in New York's Greenwich Village to witness a milestone in the history of the world's largest gay and lesbian synagogue. After almost 20 years of lay leadership, CBST was at last installing its first full-time rabbi.

The atmosphere in the room was electric. Synagogue members greeted guests at the door with slightly dazed smiles. "I can't believe it's finally happening," one woman beamed. For the 1,200 largely gay and lesbian members of CBST, the installation ceremony marked another successful step in their two-decade search for organizational legitimacy.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and a driving force behind the Reform movement's acceptance of homosexual rabbis, delivered the installation address.

After blasting the Republican party's "family values" platform as a ruse for continued oppression of women, blacks, gays and Jews, he recalled that "within the Star of David, there is a triangle," a reference to the pink triangle worn by homosexuals in Nazi concentration camps.

When Rabbi Schindler finally placed his hands on the shoulders of Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum and pronounced the priestly blessing, the room erupted with a tumultuous standing ovation.

Rabbi Kleinbaum, 33, is a vibrant, energetic woman praised by her peers for her scholarship, warmth and leadership abilities. Her background is as eclectic as is the congregation she will now lead. Rabbi Kleinbaum grew up in a Conservative family, attended an Orthodox day school in New Jersey, was ordained as a Reconstructionist rabbi, and has spent the past few years working for the Reform movement.

Although she herself is gay, Rabbi Kleinbaum dismisses the notion that this one aspect of her being describes the focus of her work. "I'm not a rabbi for gay Jews, I'm a rabbi for the Jewish people," she states firmly. "In fact, this is one of the few synagogues where sexual orientation is not an issue. You can walk in with your life partner, no matter who that is."

CBST was founded in 1973 by 10 lesbian and gay Jews who sought to create a Jewish community that would accept their sexual identities. Congregation president Irving Cooperberg, one of the founders, describes the dilemma that led him to join this early group: "I am a traditional Jew, but for years, I did not feel at home in the Jewish community. Here, I belonged on the very first day. The davening is just one part [of our congregation]. The Jewish neshama is the rest."

Although Rabbi Kleinbaum was not actively seeking a pulpit when she was approached by CBST last year, she says she was so excited at the prospect of working with this congregation that she leapt at the position.

"The diversity within this congregation is incredible," she says. "We have Reform, secular Jews, Hashomer Hatza'ir, Chassidic backgrounds. We have 12 ordained rabbis and a half dozen with Ph.Ds in Jewish subjects. There are Israelis, Europeans, South Americans, Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews. We have a feminist Rosh Chodesh group, and a group that has been studying Talmud together every week for 18 years. The level of Jewish knowledge is incredible.

"There is such a love and commitment here to klal Israel, that frankly you don't see often in America."

CBST has developed its own prayer services, and has built a prayer book from bits and pieces of the Reform and Reconstructionist synagogue's largely gay population (10 to 15 percent are not homosexual, mostly friends and family of gay members).

For the first-time visitor, what is most noticeable is the service's frequent mention of AIDS and the ravages it has wrought on the CBST community.

At one recent Friday night service, the prayer leader added a public prayer at the end of the Amidah asking for God's kindness to those afflicted with AIDS and HIV-related illnesses. It was a sobering moment for a congregation that has lost close to 100 members to AIDS, including their past president and guiding force, Mel Rosen, who died in the first week of September. *(JTA)*

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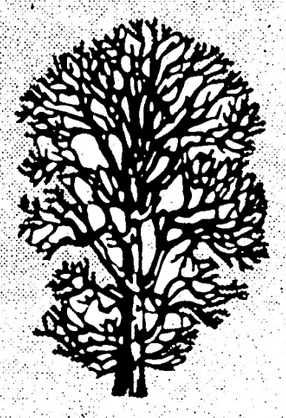

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The event featured "The Great Debate" in which two lawyers and two accountants took sides on four tax studies. One side represented Revenue Canada's tax position, while the other side took the role of the taxpayer.

This year's "Update '93" will be held on Wednesday, June 9, at Beth Emeth Synagogue.

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A number of services are already up and running. Programs, such as "Making It As A Jewish Teenager" and "Parenting the Young Child," have been implemented at Temple Har Zion.

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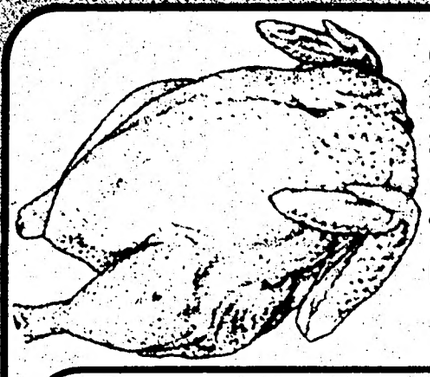

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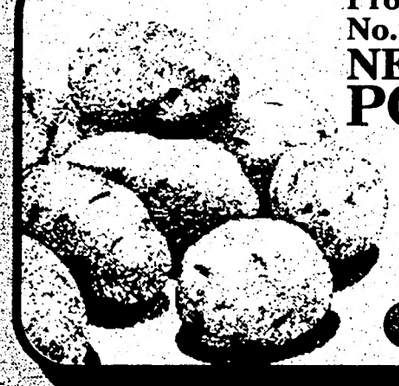

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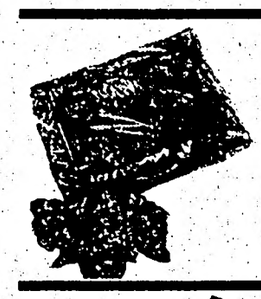

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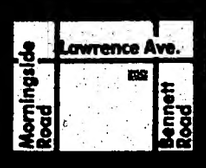

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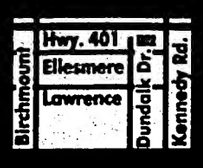

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Race relations workshop's timing upsets Jewish groups

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — The Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) was doubly dismayed last week because it had not been invited to a race relations workshop and because the workshop was held on a Saturday.

And no one from B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, which had been invited, will attend the seminar in an official capacity because it was taking place on Shabbat.

CJC was "very surprised" it was not asked to take part in last Saturday's conference, which was to have brought together an expected 30 people representing several multicultural groups.

The one-day workshop, hosted by North York Mayor Mel Lastman at the Novotel Hotel, was aimed at easing ethnic tensions which arose in December, when some 2,000 Metro Greeks clashed with local Slavic-Macedonians in Mel Lastman Square, where the flag of independent Macedonia was to have been raised.

Louis Lenkinski, chair of the region's community relations committee, told *The CJN* that Congress is "very annoyed" that a race relations seminar was held on a Shabbat.

Lenkinski said that when Congress participates in workshops of this nature, "precautions" can be taken to ensure that Shabbat is not violated, even though they would curtail the extent of Jewish participation.

"But we weren't even invited," he said.

The League expressed its "regrets" over the fact the workshop was being held on a Saturday, its national director, Karen Mock, said.

But "we recognize it's not possible to accommodate all groups all the time," Mock told *The CJN*.

Rochelle Wilner, the League's Ontario chair, said she may attend but not as a representative of B'nai Brith.

Sheila White, a spokeswoman for Lastman, told *The CJN* that her office was aware of the scheduling, which "makes it difficult" for Jewish organizations to take part.

But, added White, referring to North York's race relations workshops, "we've always done it on a Saturday. We've been doing it for seven years, four times a year."

She said all the facilities for the seminar — the food and the rooms — were donated free of charge by Novotel, which makes it hard to quibble about scheduling.

White said the fact that the workshop was held on a Saturday "is not an issue for any of the parties involved."

Courts adapt for lawyers

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate observant Jewish lawyers who must leave court early on Fridays to observe the Sabbath.

This is the assurance given by Judge R.G. Trainor, regional senior justice of the Ontario Court of Justice, to Bert Raphael, president of the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada.

Raphael raised the matter after being told by a young, observant lawyer that he was denied his request to leave the court on the eve of Sabbath by a judge who said it would be too costly to hold the case over until Monday.

"The policy developed at the regional senior judges' meeting with respect to the Sabbath is that, provided counsel give reasonable notice to the trial judge, all reasonable efforts will be made by the court to accommodate the Sabbath," Trainor wrote in a letter to Raphael. "There are of course circumstances, such as a jury deliberating, where the policy cannot be honored. In those circumstances I am certain counsel can have someone replace him or her to take the jury verdict."

Aliyah centres set to promote Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — In a joint endeavor of 23 Israel aliyah centres across North America, this month has been declared Zionism and Aliyah Month, with close to a dozen events planned by Toronto's aliyah centre alone.

Goals for the month include raising awareness of Israel and increasing opportunities for people interested in making aliyah, said Alex Wolf, executive director of New York-based NAAM (North American Aliyah Movement), a grass-roots movement which conceived the idea of a special month together with the aliyah centres.

Wolf also expressed a desire to put aliyah on the agenda of existing Jewish organizations. "We're encouraging people to get into the spectrum of involvement that leads [or can lead] to aliyah."

Thus the aliyah centres are promoting youth programs, study, and vacations in Israel, as well as endeavors related more directly to aliyah. Only about 15 percent of North American Jews have visited Israel, Wolf said, and of those, 75 percent are over 55 years of age. Only about five percent of 16 to 25-year-olds have visited Israel.

Toronto's aliyah shaliach, Ofer Gavish, is visiting the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg this week for their respective Israel Days.

In Toronto, the aliyah centre has scheduled meetings on appliances and insurance of shipments for olim. There will also be an information session on a kibbutz high school program on March 9 and Israel Day at the Israel Youth Program Centre, at the Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst Street.

Uzi Narkiss, chair of the Zionist Delegation in North America, will be in Toronto later in the month to meet with Federation leaders and speak to the Labor Zionist Alliance.

Arnon Mantver, director general of the Jewish Agency's immigration and absorption department, will be here as a guest of United Israel Appeal.

To wind up the month, Hamekomon, Toronto's Hebrew newspaper, will celebrate its first year of publication with a carnival at Steeles West Market on Sunday, March 28. At that time, a telephone hotline to Israel will be set up with a loudspeaker for a 1 1/2 hour-long conference call involving all 23 North American aliyah offices. That evening, Hashomer Hatzair is sponsoring a performance by Israeli singer David Broza at Northview Heights auditorium.

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Organizations and People

Todres credits personal growth for shaping public persona

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — "You have to be up-front and proud of who you are," said Elaine Todres, deputy minister, Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications, in a recent talk on Being a Public Jew. Todres was a guest speaker at the women's Rosh Chodesh celebration held at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation last month.

Todres, whose talk was laced with Yiddish words and personal anecdotes, explained what being a Jew means to her. Although she does not lead a halachic lifestyle, she told the largely Orthodox audience, her speech was intended to respect everyone's traditions.

Todres described her spiritual growth over the past six years, which included an increase in ritual participation and resulted in her decision to celebrate her bat mitzvah for her 40th birthday.

Todres' identity has also been shaped by her experience as a child of Holocaust survivors. "I vowed that I have to make a difference, and I will not tolerate silence. I am never silent about injustice," she said.

Todres has spoken out on sexism, racism and anti-Semitism and considers Jewish values such as menschlichkeit (being a decent human being) to be "rather basic" to her work as a civil servant.

As the minister responsible for the United Way campaign, Todres speaks publicly about tzedakah, explaining that the Hebrew word natan, which is a palindrome, is the basis for the rabbinic conclusion that giving is like receiving.

Elaine Todres

Todres worked towards having Ontario law amended to address the problems faced by agunot (women whose husbands won't grant them a Jewish divorce). Although she was approached by Orthodox Jewish feminists about the problem, she was "stunned" that the secular women's community did not push for the law amendment.

"My hypothesis is that all women's issues are Jewish women's issues and that Jewish women's issues are all women's issues," Todres said. "Each one of us has the moral and ethical obligation to consider what our issues are and to make sure they are known, whether through sisterhood or other organizations. If they're not dealt with by us, they will be dealt with by nobody."

In an interesting twist two years ago, Todres was approached by a delegation of her staffers upset by her decision not to have a Christmas party. She explained that the government respects the inclusion of all cultures and requested that the celebration reflect the fact that Jews, Muslims, Hindus and Christians work there. She participated in the celebration by saying the blessings over the Chanukah candles in Hebrew and singing Yiddish Chanukah songs.

"This isn't a Christian state," said Todres. "The church is separate from the state. As a Jew, I find it offensive when we can't work in a spirit of collegiality."

Reflecting on being publicly Jewish, Todres noted that "even in history we haven't always been public about who we are. It's very different when you live in good times. I have no reason not to be public about who I am."

WORLD ORT MEETING

Women's Canadian ORT national president Lydia London (left), first vice-president Edie Glazer (right) and national executive director Diane Uslander recently attended the World ORT Union executive meeting in London, England, where the accelerating expansion and growing needs of the ORT-Israel network were at the top of the agenda. Seen with the Canadian leaders is Julio Wertheim, president of ORT Argentina, which has a complex of three high schools in Buenos Aires. This ORT centre has become the school of choice for Jewish children in Argentina.

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Rabbi Yosaif Yarmush explains the details of kashrut to Bialik Hebrew Day School students at their recent Grade 6, 7 and 8 "learn-in."

Students get dose of life at learn-in

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Question: What does Kashrut have in common with Rock and Roll and journalism?

Answer: Both were the topics of workshops offered at Bialik Hebrew Day School's recent day-long "learn-in" for 175 Grade 6, 7 and 8 students.

The third annual learn-in, held at Holy Blossom Temple, featured an eclectic mix of workshops in the morning and a Play Back Theatre performance of *Race for Unity* in the afternoon. The play, which included audience participation, focused on peer pressure and related problems.

Workshops were geared to issues in which students and parents had expressed an interest, said Grade 8 teacher and co-ordinator of extracurricular activities Ziona Hagler, who organized the event.

At the Too Thin, Too Fat workshop, Drs. Diana Sacks and Bev Kupfert encouraged students to adopt a healthy diet and lifestyle instead of trying to look like someone they see on television.

In a nearby classroom, probation officer Miriam Pinchuk led students through a hypothetical court case, with all its possible delays and frustrations, of a teenager charged with mischief for stealing the hood ornament from a Jaguar.

'Found story interesting'

"The justice system is not always fair," she cautioned as she explained that the student would be charged with mischief over $1,000, even though replacing the ornament would cost less than $1,000. The higher cost is justified by the price of the car which has been damaged.

Pinchuk asked the students to imagine themselves in the place of the hypothetical young offender who was described as "a perfect 17-year-old, with goals," and of his parents. "How would your parents feel?" she asked.

"I think a lot of kids would think twice [after attending the workshop]," Grade 6 student Ariella Kaufman told *The CJN*. "I found her story very interesting," added Sara Levy, 13.

Aaron Kasman, also in Grade 6, enjoyed Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz' bar and bat mitzvah workshop. The rabbi explained that the students *become* bar or bat mitzvah rather than just *having* a bar or bat mitzvah, Aaron said. "It was very different from what we thought before."

Students also had an opportunity to learn about burial practice and mourning customs with Michael Benjamin, and Women's Roles in Judaism with Rabbi Sharon Sobel. Other workshops included Story Telling, with Dan Yashinsky, Goal Setting and Motivation with retired bicycle racer Denise Kelly, and Children's Rights and Responsibilities with Beth Feffer of Jewish Family and Child Service.

Rabbi Yosaif Yarmush of Lubavitch explained the laws of kashrut and the various kosher symbols, and freelance journalist Karen Bliss, who writes about rock music and musicians, spoke of her work.

"I had a very good time, and I learned a lot," said Grade 8 student Craig Nathanson.

Task force seeking Jews for survey

TORONTO — The Jewish Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage Task Force is looking for Jewish people of all walks of life and degrees of Jewish affiliation to interview. Questioning will circle around what being Jewish means to Jewish individuals. The task force, under chair Aaron Brotman, is being organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

According to Brotman, the task force's mandate is to challenge the current trends through positive recommendations that will enable the Jews within greater Toronto to continue as a dynamic community, drawing strength from Jewish history, diverse traditions and ties with Israel and other Diaspora communities.

"Today, Jewish communities everywhere in North America are deeply concerned by mounting evidence that Jews are moving away from Jewish religious, cultural and organizational life," explains Brotman. "What we want to know is: Are they abandoning the community — or is the community abandoning them?"

The task force will rely upon the participation of as many members of the Jewish community as possible.

"We intend to reach out to individuals, organizations, synagogues and temples, through public forums, think tanks, parlor meetings and individual presentations," Brotman points out.

Those interested in participating in the survey may send their written response to Aaron Brotman, chair, Jewish Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage Task Force, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3V2, or call Mara Koven, Federation planning associate, at 631-5731.

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Organizations and People

Young women urged to develop coping skills for senior years

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Leaders of a recent workshop urged young women to begin preparing for their old age now and try to develop coping skills before they age.

"The earlier you start to think about old age the more prepared you will be when the time comes," said Ruth Goldsmith and Elsie Ticoll.

The workshop on aging was one of many that formed part of a conference entitled Jewish Women's Voices, Past and Present, held at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Other subjects addressed included violence in the Jewish family, Jewish lesbians, Yiddish women writers, daughters of Holocaust survivors and anti-Semitism and racism. An Oneg Shabbat and a concert featuring women's songs in Yiddish also formed part of the weekend.

Goldsmith, 63, who describes herself as an observant feminist, said "old age knows no boundaries of class, denomination or sexual preference. I'm speaking now to liberated women who have jobs, who are well educated and who think they know where they are going. Your RRSP will not protect you from invisibility."

She said that "there are really only two types of Jewish women — those who are already old and those who still look forward to old age.

"It is only human for younger women to dismiss old age as something they will deal with later, but later may be too late. Just when they have the time and energy to do the things they've always wanted to do, to be creative, to be involved in worthy causes, to exhibit leadership, they find it's too late. All those interesting leadership roles are already taken by men and more recently by younger women."

She said that first and foremost, women need to network so that they will have each other for support. "If we network, we will not be alone. We have to lobby for improved Jewish services for the old who rely on Jewish agencies for housing, recreation and emotional support. The Jewish community must be made aware of the changing problems of the elderly."

Goldsmith said women must reach out to seniors in order to let them know that they are needed and welcome in the community.

Ticoll, co-founder of the Older Women's Network, a lobby group for older feminists, stressed that it is essential to prepare for the helplessness of old age. "Life does not end at 65, 75 or 85. We have to live it to the fullest."

She said the Older Women's Network encourages women of all backgrounds to organize groups, chapters and regional councils to work on programs that promote shared interests and concerns.

Some of the issues it supports include protection and improvement of Canada's social security system, inclusion of older women in planning health care programs to ensure a life of dignity and control, efforts to combat the abuse and exploitation of women, a flexible retirement age and affordable legal assistance for women with modest means.

Goldsmith said we all deteriorate physically as we age but our mental capacities do not. "It is important for young women to see older women who are active mentally and spiritually. Old age should be seen as a second youth, with all the opportunity and freedom to do what we want. We must not let society prevent us from doing this."

Toronto students become delegates to model UN

NEW YORK — Fifteen would-be diplomats from Toronto's Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot religious schools took on the world last week as the only Canadian delegates to Yeshiva University's model United Nations (UN).

The 10 Ulpana girls represented Bulgaria and El Salvador. Five boys from Or Chaim acted as UN ambassadors for Austria.

The participants reported varying degrees of co-operation from the countries they supposedly represented.

"Austria was most receptive to the kids," said history teacher Marsha Razin, faculty coach for the Toronto students. However, according to Stephanie Sheininger, who spoke on behalf of Bulgaria, information about her country wasn't exactly plentiful.

"They told me they have no drugs and they're at peace with everyone," she said.

Competition to participate in the model UN was intense. The Toronto students required the signature of two teachers, a special essay, and evidence of extra-curricular activities.

"We couldn't include everyone who applied. Some students were designated as alternates," said Razin, who spent nearly two months briefing delegates about UN language and procedure.

The model UN took place from Feb. 28 to March 2, and was combined with a shabbaton prior to the event.

B'nai Brith, Congress play down controversy over musical Showboat

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Despite concerns expressed by some North York school trustees and members of the black community, Jewish groups believe the presentation of the musical *Showboat* will be handled with sensitivity in the portrayal of blacks.

Spokesmen for Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) gave the show's producer, Garth Drabinksy, a strong vote of confidence, saying they believed he would address concerns over possible racist content in the play.

And Drabinsky said that contrary to the contentions of a few members of the black community, *Showboat* "is an outstanding opportunity to speak out on issues that are to be decried at all times. . . The [play] is always perceived as a show of goodwill."

The controversy erupted when Ward 3 trustee Stephanie Payne introduced a motion to condemn the 1927 musical. Payne said the 1926 book of the same title, on which the musical is based, contains stereotypes of blacks as "subhuman savages, dim-witted. . . and irresponsible."

But Drabinsky said "the book has nothing to do with the musical that Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein wrote," which was intended to confront white audiences with their racism. He said, "there is a segment of the community operating with the fundamental misunderstanding of the substance of the show. We're working with them to clear [this] up without indulging in censorship."

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, said "we have great regard for Garth Drabinsky and his sensitivity to this issue."

"We are quite confident knowing Mr. Drabinsky and his committment to high standards and sensitivity to all community groups that his handling of the production and presentation will be undertaken with a high degree of responsibility," said Louis Lenkinski, acting chair of Congress' community relations committee.

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Social worker creates book on children's behavior

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — *Raising Kids Without Raising Cane* is the title of a handy little book written by a social worker in response to a growing number of requests by parents.

Gary Direnfeld had no intention of writing a book. But as a family therapist, he conducts workshops under the same title for parents who have difficulty managing their children's behavior.

And what began to happen, he explains, was that whenever a workshop was advertised, he would get calls from parents who were unable to attend but wanted to know whether he'd written a book.

Finally, about a year-and-a-half ago, he sat down in front of his computer and began to write. And last September, the 44-page book was ready. It was printed and published together with wife Arlene in their newly launched publishing enterprises, Secrets Of The Trade.

Direnfeld works out of his home and in his cosy, sunlit office on a cold and snowy February morning, he talked about his work and the book.

He sees a lot of parents with young children under six who have problems getting their children to eat their peas, to go to bed at night, to use the toilet. . ."

It's "everyday kind of problems" such as these that this book is all about and his suggestions are practical and down-to-earth.

They will also work for more difficult problems. The only difference, he says, "is that difficult problems will take more perseverance rather than harsher, more critical intervention."

That is very important for parents to remember, because frequently, he says, they will "over-escalate their response to their children" instead of persevering and being consistent.

Direnfeld sees his book as "a primary prevention project" which "gives a very good understanding of different ways to handle things."

It covers a range of problems, cites case histories and lists six Golden Rules as well as a Recipe For a Healthy Child.

Straightening problems out early, suggests Direnfeld, can prevent more serious problems later on.

Take spanking, for example. Many parents want to discuss spanking, he says. "But there are so many other things that you can do. If I discuss those other things, more often than not the issue of spanking takes care of itself."

Getting "underneath" difficult behavior and trying to understand the underlying causes is important. The problematic behavior could be medical, such as allergies or hearing loss — which is surprisingly more common than is realized, he says.

Ornery kids

Or it could be due to "inappropriate" nutrition, such as too much sugar in the diet, or family disfunction.

"And it could be temperament, too," he adds. "Some of us are more ornery than others for no reason whatsoever. That's just how the model was made," he remarks.

Born and raised in Toronto, Direnfeld, obtained an Honors BA in psychology from York University and a MA in social work from the University of Toronto.

He has worked at various agencies such as the Thistletown Regional Centre, the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto, the Family Services Association of Hamilton Wentworth and Chedoke-McMaster Hospital.

Since his move to Dundas a few years ago, Direnfeld, 37, has been entirely in private practice.

Raising Kids Without Raising Cane is available only by direct order from Secrets Of The Trade, 20 Suter Cresc., Dundas, Ont. L9R 6R5. Tel. (416) 628-4847. The cost of $15 per copy includes GST and handling.

Organizations or agencies interested in selling the book as a fund raising project will receive $2 per copy sold.

An audio-cassette of *Raising Kids Without Raising Cane* will be available in the near future.

Shechitah operation back in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — The price of kosher beef should be dropping now that the Vaad Ha'ir has been able to re-establish its shechitah operation in Carman, an hour's drive south of Winnipeg.

Shechitah was forced to come to a halt last October when the Beausejour plant where the cattle were being slaughtered went into receivership.

Vaad president Paul Silver gives a lot of credit for the resumption of shechitah to Corry and Mark Berndsen, owners of Fleisher Wholesale Meats Ltd., who arranged the Carman location. The Berndsen brothers bought the kosher operation from Sam Fleisher 12 years ago and had been working out of East-West Packers until that company closed in 1991. When East-West closed, the Vaad purchased the box to ensure the community had a facility. The box is now at the Carman site.

Allan Fredette, manager of the Tuxedo IGA, reports that sales in his kosher meat section were down because of the lack of local shechitah. Not only was it difficult to bring in beef from eastern Canada, it was also too expensive, he notes. He was able to bring in glatt kosher briskets from the United States. At $6.99 a pound, he says it was cheaper than he could get in Toronto or Montreal.

Weinstocks to be feted

TORONTO — Bais Yaakov Elementary School is holding a tribute dinner for community and business leaders Meyer and Idelle Weinstock March 16 at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue in Thornhill.

Millicent Drebin, founding principal of the school, will receive the Chinuch Habonos Award. Kalman Lowenthal, journal chair, announced that a special section of the journal will be dedicated to the memory of Rabbi David Kalman Drebin who played a significant role in the foundation of the school.

Noted scholar and author Rabbi Berel Wein, rosh teshiva of Shaarei Torah in Monsey, New York, will be the guest speaker.

The school opened 24 years ago to provide the Jewish community of Toronto with a Torah education in the Bais Yaakov tradition. Opening with three grades and 30 students, it quickly outgrew its original premises. Through generous donations from Samuel Reichman, Max Wallerstein and Jack Weinbaum, a new building was built at 85 Stormont Ave. Today the school has an additional building, formerly Saranac Public School, to accommodate the 600 students now enrolled.

Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling the school at 783-6181.

Successful raffle held

TORONTO — It was "a real celebration of a real accomplishment," enthused Marilyn Maierovitz, executive director of the Dr. Abraham Shore She'arim Hebrew Day School.

She was describing the recent draw for winners of the school's raffle held at the home of Mendy Maierovitz.

Parents and board members applauded the winners:

First prize: two airline tickets to Israel, courtesy of Sholom-K Tours, for Ruth Zoltz.

Second prize: a pair of diamond stud earrings courtesy of Fabrikant — Commonwealth Trading for Rosalie Schwarts

Third prize: a television set, donated by Citizen Electronics, for Gittie Brumer. Brumer donated her prize to the school.

Recognition was also given to parents Gerald Goldberg, Joe Gorenstein and Bracha Mirsky, who sold the most tickets, and Ilsa Shore, who sold the winning ticket.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, March 4 is deadline for March 18 issue and Thursday, March 11 is deadline for March 25 issue). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Thursday, March 4

ISRAEL DAY AT RYERSON

Israel Day at Ryerson is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, March 4. Explore Israel travel and education opportunities, Israeli food and music. It all happens in the Credit Union Lounge, Jorgensen Hall, first floor, 350 Victoria Ave. To inquire further, call 631-5665.

Friday, March 5

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform a program of popular, dance and Jewish music, 2-3 p.m. Friday, March 5 at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

Saturday, March 6

STUDENT PURIM PARTY

Celebrate Purim on campus! Doors open 8 p.m. Megillah reading 8:30 p.m., dancing follows, at a student Purim Party in The Edge Pub, Jorgensen Hall, Ryerson, 350 Victoria Ave., Saturday, March 6. Sponsored by JSC, JSF, JSU and Network. Admission $5 with costume, $8, without. For more information call **Menachem,** 736-5179 or **Mike,** 631-5665.

PURIM AT LODZER CONGREGATION

It's a Purim evening starting 6 p.m., Saturday, March 6 at the Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St. Megillah reading, prizes for best costumes, graggers and treats for all the children. Stay on for a social, with music and refreshments. For information, call 636-6665.

SHABBAT ZACHOR AT BETH TZEDEC

Shabbat Zachor, Sabbath of remembrance and prayer for the Jewish community of Syria, will be observed Saturday, March 6 at Beth Tzedec Congregation, when the **John** and **Molly Pollock** annual lecture takes place during services beginning 9 a.m. Featured will be Israel's ambassador to Canada, **Itzhak Shelef** and Morroco-born guest cantor, **Jo Amar** who will chant portions of the service in the Sephardi tradition, with **Cantor Paul Kowarsky** who will chant in the Ashkenazi tradition.

Sunday, March 7

PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA

Chabad Lubavitch Markham, invites you to a Purim Extravaganza 5 p.m. Sunday March 7 at the Chimo Hotel, Woodbine and Steeles, with Megillah reading, children's entertainment - **Leeba** live! - dinner, and masquerade for children and adults. Cost, $12 adults, $5, children. RSVP, 886-0420.

DOSI-DO AT CAFE ESTHER

How about square dancing on Purim! Beth Torah Congregation, 47 Glenbrook Ave., (Dufferin/Lawrence) presents Cafe Esther, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Admission $10 per person advance reservations, $12 at the door, includes light supper and square dancing with caller **Aaron Goodman.**

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim Breakfast Club, invites you to hear **Edward Ben-Zur,** who discusses All You Want to Know About Israel But Are Afraid to Ask - Chances for Peace, 10 a.m. Sunday, March 7 at the shul, 5 Glenpark Ave. (Bathurst/Glencairn). Breakfast and lecture, $6 per person.

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Toronto Star columnist **David Lewis Stein,** will zero in on Political Life In Toronto, Where Is The City Heading? at a meeting of Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., Sunday, March 7, following 9 a.m. services.

Monday, March 8

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Adath Israel/Beth David's joint study program, The Idea of Sovereignty in Jewish Thought, concludes with **Prof. Arnold Ages'** evaluation of Menachem Begin and the Zionist Revolution in Israel, 8 p.m. Monday, March 8 at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Wednesday, March 10

BETH TZEDEC LECTURES

The **Florence** and **Harry Topper** annual lecture series, Is Jewish Life Changing? offers two evenings with **Benjamin Schlesinger,** professor of social work, University of Toronto and **Rachel Schlesinger,** professor of social science, York University, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 and Thursday, April 15. Lectures are under the auspices of Beth Tzedec Adult Education committee.

FREE TIMES CAFE

JASS, Jewish Artists Scholarship Fund, is bringing Jewish performers back to College St. once a month on JASS Wednesday at the Free Times Cafe, 320 College. On March 10, the irrepressible Yiddish Players, **Allen Farkas, Michael Lebovic** and **Gloria Valentine,** accompanied by pianist **John Henry Nyenhuis,** will present *Abi Men Lebt,* an evening of comedy and song in Yiddish and English. Two show sets, 8 and 9:30 p.m. Laugh 'til you cry! Sing and clap along. Cover charge $5 per person. Dinner reservations available. Call 967-1078.

HOLY BLOSSOM LUNCH & LEARN

Psychologist **Dr. Berte Rubin** will explain Stress and Aging at Beth Tzedec's Lunch and Learn in Retirement, 12 noon, Wednesday, March 10. Program charge is $1. Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee and cookies are provided. For information call **Deborah,** 789-3291.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH, MARKHAM

Kabbalah, a six week course with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin,** concludes with Spirituality in the Messianic Era, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. Each class may be attended separately. No charge. Call 886-0420.

Thursday, March 11

FILMS AT FOREST HILL LIBRARY

The Thames (1982) and *Yang-Xun: the Peasant Painter* (1981), are two films to be screened starting 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 11 at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W. Free admission.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

HARNOY IN BENEFIT CONCERT

Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim-Herzog Hospital in Jerusalem, host a gala benefit concert and reception featuring internationally acclaimed cellist **Ofra Harnoy,** 8 p.m., Thursday, March 25 at Inn on the Park. Elegant refreshments (under COR). Proceeds for research in Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease. For tickets and information, call 446-1515.

SHALOM VILLAGE

Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N. in Hamilton, offers the following March programs: Sunday, March 7 at 12 p.m., brunch in the Garden Lounge, 2 p.m. reading of the Megillah with **Rabbi Itkin;** Monday, March 8 at 2:30 p.m., Purim Carnival; Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. music from Mohawk College; Sunday, March 21 at 12 noon, out for lunch and drive with **Susan;** Sunday, March 28, 2:30 p.m. Simcha Sunday, celebrate the birthdays of **Ruth Johnstone** and **Elsie Schoan** (her 95th!)

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There are many lonely and isolated seniors in our community whose lives would be greatly enriched by the conversation and companionship a volunteer visitor could provide. All it takes is a walk in the park, sharing a story, a joke or smile. If you have at least one hour a week, consider becoming a senior care volunteer. Please contact **Arnold Foss** at Senior Care/Community Service to Jewish Elderly, 635-2860.

MACCABI YOUTH CLUB/GAMES

The regional North American Maccabi Youth Games are scheduled for August 22-26 in Pittsburgh. The Jewish Community Centre(JCC) of Toronto will participate in boys baseball and basketball, girls basketball and softball, swimming, tennis, soccer (ages 12-16). For further information, contact **Jim Emery,** 636-1880 ext. 374.

The JCC is now accepting applications for the positions of head coach for the 1993 Youth Maccabi teams in: basketball, girls softball, swimming, tennis, baseball. Applicants must be available August 22-27. Send applications and resumes to: Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, 4588 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont., M2R 1W6, no later than March 12.

PASSOVER SEMINAR WORKSHOP

Everyone is welcome at a Passover Seminar Workshop to be led by **Rabbi Irvin Brandwein,** 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 17 at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave., W. No charge.

CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION

There will be an exhibition of calligraphic artworks by Karny Vorona during the run of the musical *Esther,* March 3-29, at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Included in the display will be illuminated portions of the Bible relevant to Jewish holidays and milestones in Jewish life - weddings, bar-bat mitzvahs and other occasions.

VOLUNTEER FOR CANCER CAMPAIGN

The Canadian Cancer Society, North York, is seeking team captains, canvassers and office help (with some computer knowledge) for its April campaign. Please call 481-6194.

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE.

The Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., a thriving congregation in the Beach area of Toronto, welcomes you to join in Shabbat services every Saturday at 9 a.m. Call 694-7942 for information about other services and programs.

ONTARIO AWARDS

Nominations are now being accepted for Volunteer Service and Outstanding Achievement awards to honor Ontarians, both adult and youth, who have demonstrated consistent commitment in their work for non-profit organizations. As well, nominations are sought for recipients of the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship, which recognizes those individuals who do extraordinary things to help others. Deadline for these nominations is March 15. For details, call 314-7528.

CONGREGATION KESHET SHALOM

Congregation Keshet Shalom, which meets the needs of Toronto's lesbian and gay Jewish community, plans a Purim Party and Megillah reading, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 7 in the Wallin Lounge, JCC Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. Prize for best costume. Members $5, non-members $7.

An International Women's Day Oneg Shabbat will be held 8 p.m. Friday, March 12 at the same address. No charge.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

JF&CS workshops include the following: Living with Teens (begins mid March); Parenting the Young Child, ages 3-8, (starts March 22); Looking Ahead: Group will discuss issues for separated and divorced people, loneliness, anger, parenting and beginning a new life. (begins April). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman,** 638-7800.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Invisible No Longer, is the theme for the Learning Disabilities Public Awareness Campaign, Feb. 28-March 13. **Mark Humphrey,** star of television's *E.N.G.,* will act as official spokesperson for the LDAO's 1993 campaign, explaining how dyslexia has affected his life. To inquire, call 487-4106.

KOFFLER GALLERY

An exhibition of recent sculpture by **Claude Luneau,** organized in conjunction with the Olga Korper Gallery, is on view March 10-April 9 at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St. For more information, call 636-2145.

ART THERAPY INSTITUTE

The Toronto Art Therapy Institute, established by the late **Dr. Martin A. Fischer,** has worked with numerous children's and adult groups who have special emotional and physical needs. For many years the office has been manned by dedicated volunteers. Currently there is a great need for volunteers who would enjoy working in the office. Please call 924-6221.

ARTISTS INVITED TO EXHIBIT

North York Public Library invites artists to submit their work for exhibit in various branches from October 1993-May 1994. Framed works in all media, including photography, will be considered. If you would like to submit your art, phone 395-5512, before March 15.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Come out for a Monte Carlo Night with Special Fantasy Auction, 7:30 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 13 at Earl Bales Community Recreation Centre, 4169 Bathurst St. Door prizes. No admission charge. All proceeds to the Home Child Care Association of Ontario. For additional information, call 783-1152.

COUPLES OVER 40 PLUS

Couples Over 40 Plus, a vibrant, established group, is open until April for membership. The next event is an evening Purim Party with all the trimmings - food, music, dance, entertainment, Sunday, March 14. The group is affordable. Call **Norma,** 225-4199.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss, share experiences and make

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SCIENCE FAIR

Bialik Hebrew Day School recently mounted its highly successful annual Science Fair. Standing in front of their project on the effect of electromagnetic fields on algae, entitled, What's It All About Algae? are (from left) Matthew Lyon, Evan Garmaise and Leora Wise.

Organizations and People

What's New

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new friends. The next meeting is March 7 from 1-2:30 p.m.in the Wagman Centre board room, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131,ext. 2271.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., has rescheduled its Israel Trip to the fall. Enjoy a special Purim program with **Rabbi Mark Dratch,** 1 p.m. Monday, March 8. And look ahead to one-day cruises, June 24, Stoney Lake and August 26, Bobcaygeon. For information about these and other activities, call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923. Remember the Golden book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield,** 787-1526.

Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre, corner of Overland Dr. and the Donway West, is holding its annual Income Tax Form Assistance clinics Monday through Thursday, until April 29. This service is available to any senior, 55 years plus, with a maximum income of $15,000 for a single senior or $22,500 for a senior couple, or a senior with dependent, living within the Taylor Place catchment area. Appointments are necessary. Call 447-7244. This is a confidential service. Special arrangements may be made for those within the area, who are physically unable to visit the clinic.

Earl Bales Seniors Club invites you to its Saturday Dance, 7-10 p.m. March 6 in the clubhouse. Members free, $1 non-members. It's a Purim Party with entertainment, 2-4 p.m. Monday, March 8 in the Community Centre. Cost, $5 per person, members, $6 non-members. Purchase tickets in advance at the office. Dance to a live band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28 in the Community Centre. The next movie, *Windmills of the Gods Part I,* will be shown 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 17. For information on these and other activities, call 395-7881, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Faye Kellerstein will offer a program of Yiddish and Hebrew songs during a Purim Luncheon for JCC Seniors, 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at 4588 Bathurst St. For information, call **Teme,** 636-1880.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club celebrates at a Purim Party with entertainment by the Chromatic Band, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7 in the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. For tickets and information, call 635-5604 or 782-9432. Aluma meets regularly 7 p.m. Mondays, at 15 Hove. On March 8 an Israeli movie will be shown.

Lifestyle, Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., features an Afternoon of Purim Humor and Celebration with **Allan Gould,** 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Free admission. Limited space. Early reservations requested. Contact **Marlene White,** 785-1511.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 years of age and over and single, meets at the centre 7 p.m. every other Thursday. Fee is $1. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. Refreshments. Next meeting, March 4, highlights entertainer **Lenka Lichtenberg.** Purim refreshments.

Palestine Masonic Lodge cordially invites you, your children and grandchildren to a Purim Carnival and Celebration, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the centre. Games, music, food and fun, plus special entertainers **Shlomo Aviv** and **Mikhael Khinkis.** Refreshments. Members, $4. Non-members, $5.

Dance to the exciting music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7.

Avoiding Investment Rip-offs, a seminar with **Pat Lymburner** from the Ontario Ministry of Financial Institutions, 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 8 in the synagogue, looks at today's investment possibilities and their risks. No charge. For more information call **Bookie Kwart,** 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli Cultural Club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Come and join in all the interesting events. To inquire further, call **Anna,** 225-2112.

at the JCC

The Twenty-Something Downtowners Club will have brunch and a visit to the Gardiner Museum, Sunday, March 14. Meet 11:45 a.m. at the Bloor Y. Cost $18, plus G.S.T. Reservations a must. Call Luni, 924-6211.

Remember the Purim Carnival, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, March 7. Cost, $3 per child, $1, accompanying adult. And Concert for Kids follows at 2 p.m.

About People

BEN-DAT APPOINTMENT

Lynn Ben-Dat has recently been appointed director of the Toronto office, Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University. A former editorial staff member of *The Canadian Jewish News*, she has been involved in the community over the years in a number of roles with Associated Hebrew' Schools of Toronto, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and various other volunteer and service organizations. Ben-Dat holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Toronto and a master of science degree from the University of British Columbia. She has also studied and traveled extensively in Israel.

COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL AWARDS

Among Parkdale community and business leaders awarded commemorative medals marking the 125th anniversary of Confederation, are **Jack Buchman** of Buchman and Sons Lumber Co. Ltd.; **David Feldman** of Camrost Development Corp.; and **Herman Grad** of Leisure World Health Care Centre. They received their medals at a recent awards ceremony sponsored by Parkdale MPP **Tony Ruprecht.**

SARA'S 95TH BIRTHDAY BALL

Sparkling Sara Glickman travelled to Toronto from her home in Montreal to celebrate her 95th birthday at a party held recently in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Morton and Barbara Glickman. Also attending were her daughters Dovena and son-in-law Myer Hart and Elinor Solomon, from Montreal, plus nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sara Glickman

An on-the-spot video interview conducted by her family, revealed Sara, entertaining Billy Crystal style, with supreme confidence, and an outdoor fireworks display highlighted the celebration.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles Events is an advertising feauture of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

A.Y.J.A. (Association of Young Jewish Adults) is holding a "Pub Night" at the Jolly Miller 3885 Yonge St. March 6. 8:00pm. Cover $5.00.

Atideynu Lodge (20's and 30's) presents: General Meeting on Tuesday, March 9 a. 7:30pm. 15 Hove Street. Speaker: Sherry Madigan from "Youth Without Shelter". Topic: "Drug Abuse Program". Please join us for an intriguing discussion as well as an award presentation to our lodge from "Y.W.S." You don't want to miss this exciting occasion. Free refreshments. Admission, members free, non-members $3.00. Contact Shari, 222-0272.

Newly formed group (non-profit) invites you to a dinner dance at an elegant bistro with a live band, Saturday, March 6th. Cocktails- (optional) 7:30pm. Supper- 8:00pm sharp. Limited seating- reserve early. Cost $20.00. Dress code. Call Sonia, 737-4076 or Dorothy 490-1504.

Reserve for R.S.V.P. An intimate candlelit evening of roundtable discussions for Jewish professionals in their 20's and 30's. A better way for people to meet and exchange thoughts on relationships, career, sexuality and spirituality. March 10; "Sexual Harrasment". $8.00. Reservations a must. 636-7530.

Ski Trip. Awesome adventure! Killington, Vermont. April 9-12. Earl Tucker Tours, 250-8234.

Toronto's Orthodox Singles present a Post-Purim Shabbaton in Toronto March 12-14 (B'nai Torah). 3 Shabbat meals $125, Saturday night "on the town" $35, Sunday brunch and speaker $25 or entire package $169. Call Ruth Balofsky, 764-5833, Sharon Ganz, 785-0761.

We are a group of single men/women who meet to discuss interpersonal relationships and sexuality. Next meeting: March 4th. Time: 7:30pm. **Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst.** Cost: $5.00. Refreshments served. All ages welcome. Evelyn Lazar - 781-9245.

"CAFE ESTHER"
Purim "Square Dance"
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Sunday, March 7. Beth Torah, 47 Glenbrook. Starts 7:30pm with professional caller. $10 prepaid by March 1 to shul office. $12 at door. Light supper. Tables reserved for singles. Call 782-4495 to reserve or Mollie 733-3634.

HADASSAH-WIZO MEETING

Seen here at Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's recent general meeting are (from left) Fran Sonshine, vice-president; Roberta L. Jamieson, Ontario ombudsman; and Rosalie Flomen, president. Jamieson came to the position of ombudsman after a three year term as commissioner of the Indian Commission of Ontario.

JUDAIC STUDIES

Over 50 participants from across Canada joined for four days of in-depth Judaic study at last year's Kallah sponsored by Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning and the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism. Pictured here are the 1992 organizers. This year's retreat is July 14-18 in Orillia and spaces are filling fast. Registration will close after Pesach. For a brochure, call 660-3154.

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Organizations and People

Respite care helps families

TORONTO — For the past few years Hilda Nisenbaum has lived with her children, spending six months each year with one daughter in Florida and the rest of the time with daughter Dorothy Atin, who lives in Toronto.

But recently Nisenbaum, an 88-year-old widow who suffers from arthritis and mild cognitive impairment, has become too frail to make the annual trip to Forida and has had to remain in Toronto.

"It's become a difficult situation," says Atin. "Because my mother's mental and physical capacities have deteriorated, she requires fairly constant supervision. It seemed like there was just no chance for my husband and me to get away for a few weeks vacation."

Then Atin heard about a respite care program at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care which is specially designed to meet the needs of families caring for a cognitively impaired relative.

"Looking after someone with cognitive impairment due to stroke or Alzheimer's disease at home is both physically and emotionally stressful," says Baycrest social work supervisor Patricia Moffat. "It's vital that caregivers plan regular breaks to prevent physical and emotional burnout."

Two private rooms in the Behavioral Neurology unit at Baycrest Centre are currently designated for respite care patients who may be admitted on a planned basis for one to four weeks. Families are entitled to a total of two months' respite care per year based on the needs of the family and also on availability of staff.

Nurse Shirlie Serrao (left) is seen with patient Hilda Nisenbaum and her daughter Dorothy Atin (right).

Clients accepted into the program receive specialized nursing care, medical supervision and social work services. The daily fee is $77 which covers accommodation, meals and personal care costs, although a lower fee is available for families with limited resources.

Applicants must be age 55 and over with a medically certified cognitive impairment who are currently supported by caregivers in the community. They must be in stable condition and are expected to return to their residence after the respite stay.

So far Atin's mother has been in respite care at Baycrest twice, which has allowed Atin and her husband to take some much-needed time off. They are now planning a third respite stay. "It's wonderful to know that the program is there for us when we need it," Atin says.

For more information on the Frank and Vilma Martin Respite Care Program, call social worker Reneee Beiles at 789-5131 ext. 2319. As space is limited, families are encouraged to apply well in advance of the intended respite period.

Genealogists' gathering

TORONTO —

An international gathering of Jewish genealogists is scheduled this summer at Toronto's Park Plaza Hotel.

Slated to run from June 27 to June 30, 1993, the 12th Annual International Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy is expected to bring hundreds of enthusiasts together for four days of talks, demonstrations, workshops, discussion groups, vendor displays and field trips around the city.

The seminar is organized by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (JGS), a Toronto-based non-profit charitable organization with nearly 200 members.

The preliminary list of speakers includes Rabbi Malcolm Stern, Gary Mokotoff, Sallyann Sack and Dr. Stephen Speisman, director of the Ontario Jewish Archives. Keynote speaker is Dr. Alexander Kronick, president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Moscow.

The theme of the seminary is Pathways through Many Lands. Topics range from 19th Century Russian Records to Jewish Surnames As Genealogical Clues.

For further information call the Summer Seminar Hotline at (416) 533-5825 or write JGSC Summer Seminar, P.O. Box 446, Station A, North York, Ontario, M2N 5T1.

DINNER COORDINATOR

An experienced person needed to coordinate a fund-raising event/dinner.

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Garshowitz gets university post

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Professor Libby R. Garshowitz was recently appointed director of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Toronto.

Garshowitz attended the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto and was a member of the first graduation class of the Jewish Teachers' Seminary of Toronto, Midrasha la-Morim. She received a doctorate from the University of Toronto and taught both secular and Jewish studies in the university's Department of Near Eastern Studies.

At present, Garshowitz is engaged in research on legal decisions affecting Jewish women after the massive, forced conversions in Spain in 1391, and the expulsion of Iberian Jewry after 1492.

For more than 100 years, instruction in Hebrew and Judaica, especially the biblical tradition, formed part of the curriculum at the U of T. However, Garshowitz notes that academic study of post-biblical and modern Jewish culture and history was largely neglected in North American universities until the 1960s. Since then, there has been a rapid proliferation of courses and programs in Jewish studies across the continent.

"The Jewish Studies Programme at the U of T, established in 1967, was the response to the growing recognition that Jewish culture, history, civilization and religion in the post-biblical era are worthy of serious scholarly attention alongside the biblical tradition," she said.

She explains that Jewish Studies is an interdisciplinary program, designed to provide both broad and specific expertise with the various aspects of Jewish culture from antiquity to the present. Courses are offered in: Hebrew, Yiddish, Aramaic, Syriac and Greek; bible commentaries, rabbinic midrash, talmud and halachic texts; medieval Arabic and Hebrew and modern Hebrew and Yiddish literature; Holocaust studies; and the North American Jew.

There are also courses in history, from the biblical period to the present, including relations with Islam and Christianity; religion; philosophy; and the social history of the Jews.

She adds that various undergraduate programs in Jewish studies provide useful preparation for such fields as primary and secondary school teaching, library science, the rabbinate, government and diplomatic service, as well as an ever-increasing range of positions in Jewish communal services.

Garshowitz has written and contributed to many scholarly journals and Hebrew text books, and has lectured throughout Canada, the United States and Israel.

She told *The CJN* that as director of the Jewish Studies Program, her goals are to administer and expand existing courses, encourage lectures and exchange programs with Israeli universities, maintain the largest collection of Judaica in Canada and raise funds to preserve Yiddish courses.

"My vision is to establish a centre of academic excellence in Jewish studies that will train people in Jewish literary and historical texts." She adds that she hopes to raise the profile of Jewish studies at the university and in the Jewish and general communities.

As part of the program, Professor G. Benjamin Ravid, an important scholar in the area of Italian Jewry, will be the Lipson Fund lecturer on March 16 at University College. He will speak on Shylock and the Jewish Merchants of Venice.

And on April 15, Chava Rosenfarb, a survivor of the Lodz Ghetto and a widely acclaimed author and poet, will inaugurate the Moyshe and Esther Menachovsky Memorial Lecure at University College.

Garshowitz is married to pharmacist David Garshowitz and has three children and six grandchildren.

Professor Libby R. Garshowitz

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Rabbi links Halachah, science

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Rabbi Yaakov Weiner of the Jerusalem Centre for Research in Bayit Vegan, presents a plaque of appreciation to Julie Sapir for her work on behalf of the Centre.

TORONTO — Jerusalem's renowned Torah scholar, Rabbi Yaakov Weiner, was recently in Toronto to deliver a lecture on Halachic Implications of Modern Development in Technology, Science and Medicine.

Under the auspices of The Jerusalem Forum on Medicine and Halachah, which has earned the respect of the world's medical profession and the general public, Rabbi Weiner spoke to 30 supporters at the home of Julie and Mark Sapir on how to conduct oneself with respect to today's technology and medical advances while at the same time respecting personal dignity and adhering to Torah precepts.

Rabbi Weiner is the author of a regular series of reports containing scholarly responsa pertaining to relevant and challenging questions in the area of medicine and Halachah. These reports are sent to rabbinical authorities and physicians throughout the world.

"In many cases, these responsa contain the most detailed consideration of all aspects of up-to-the-minute medical knowledge as well as halachic dialectic including consideration of primary sources, biblical sources, Talmudic sources, as well as writings on more recent authorities," said Dr. Karl Skorecki, director of nephrology at the University of Toronto Medical School and a lecture sponsor.

Rabbi Weiner, dean of the Jerusalem Centre for Research in Bayit Vegan, recently served as scholar-in-residence and lecturer at several major centres throughout the U.S.

The Jerusalem Centre for Research is "solution-oriented" and provides practical guidance in facing difficult problems.

Some of the topics covered by Rabbi Weiner in his Toronto lecture included the Halachah of the treatment of an endangered fetus on Shabbat; physical aspects of danger to life (pikuach nefesh); obligation of the sick to accept medical treatment; parallel between murder and suicide; treatment of the terminally ill; halachic aspects of bone-marrow transplant and other transplants from live donors.

Rabbi Weiner also spoke on issues of in vitro fertilization and surrogate motherhood. "Principals laid down by our sages thousands of years ago which seemed to be hypothetical, in modern day have daily practical applications."

He said he is preparing a report on the Accountability of the Medical World: Monitary or Moral. He will also deal with quality of life and the halachic view of quality of life.

For more information on the Jerusalem Forum on Medicine and Halachah, write to Rabbi Yaakov Weiner, 23 Yonah St., Jerusalem, 95502, Israel, (Fax 02-251954), or call Julie Sapir (416) 633-4391.

Workshops set for grad students

TORONTO — A series of workshops in March will mark the initiation of the Interdisciplinary Union for the Graduate Study of Jews (IU-GSJ).

Designed to bring together advanced students from the University of Toronto, York University and other colleges in the area, the IU-GSJ will provide a forum for the exchange of current and ongoing research about Jews in a variety of disciplines.

Although undergraduate programs in Jewish Studies exist at both universities, no such program exists at the graduate level. Students are currently isolated in their individual departments.

There are currently graduate students studying Jews in history, education, English, Near Eastern studies, religious studies, museum studies and archeology, to name a few.

Topics range from immigration and Holocaust studies to women's studies, the politics of the Mideast, and recreation. There are also students examining the Talmud and the archeology of the Holy Land.

The IU-GSJ stems from a study group established by five students two years ago. Among its objectives are to provide a forum for the exchange of research between students through discipline-specific study groups; to help students practice their lecturing skills through regularly scheduled workshops and meetings; and to put students in touch with professional academics in their fields.

Among the scheduled workshops are:

Dr. Reena Zeidman, chair of Jewish Studies at Queens University, and Dr. Leslie Train of U of T's Department of Germanic Languages and Literature speaking on the topic Proper Foundations for the Study of Jews on March 9.

Dr. Paula Draper, director of the Holocaust Documentation Project of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto speaking on Working with Live Subjects on March 17.

Dr. Harold Troper of the Department of History and Philosophy at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, and Henry Abramson, the Ray D. Wolfe Fellow at the U of T speaking on A Career in Academia on March 24.

Dr. Stephen Speisman, chief archivist for the Ontario Jewish Archives, on the topic Archives and Resources on March 31.

All workshops are free and open to anyone with an interest in Jewish studies. The IU-GSJ particularly encourages the participation of students considering graduate studies.

The workshops are endorsed by the Canadian Jewish Historical Society and are made possible by the New Leadership Division — KOACH Beth Tzedec Program.

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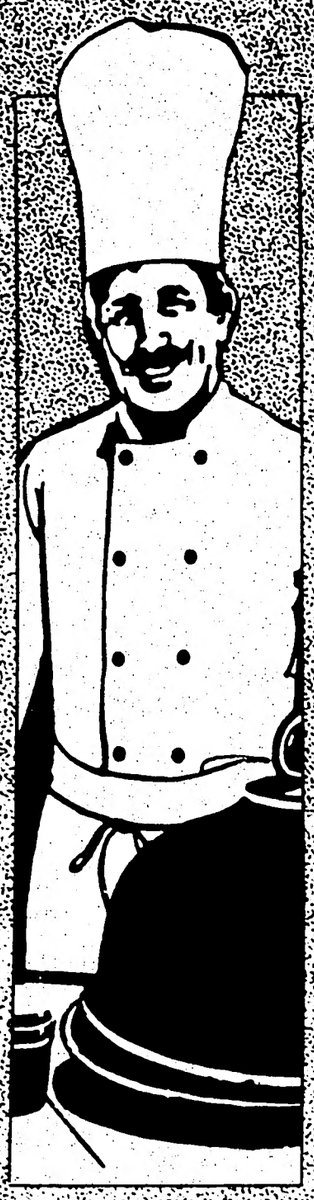

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Israel economy on upswing, Bonds told

TORONTO — While the economy here in Canada is at best uninspiring, such is not the case in Israel, according to one expert.

Shlomo Harel, head of Israel's economic mission to North America, addressed members of the new Ontario Region executive for State of Israel Bonds at the home of Harvey and Renee Solursh.

In addition to reporting a 6 percent rate of growth for Israel's economy, Harel cited examples of major U.S. and European corporations currently involved in joint ventures in Israel.

Doing business in Israel is much less frustrating today than it ever was in the past, assured Harbel. "There is considerably less red tape and a lot more eagerness to smooth out problems," he said.

The combination of government incentives, the proximity to vast European markets and the large number of highly-trained technical people has made investment in Israel a very profitable experience.

Generating investment in Israel's economy is also the principle objective of Israel Bonds. And while Harel encouraged active investment in Israeli business and industry, bonds represent a more passive investment in Israel's economy.

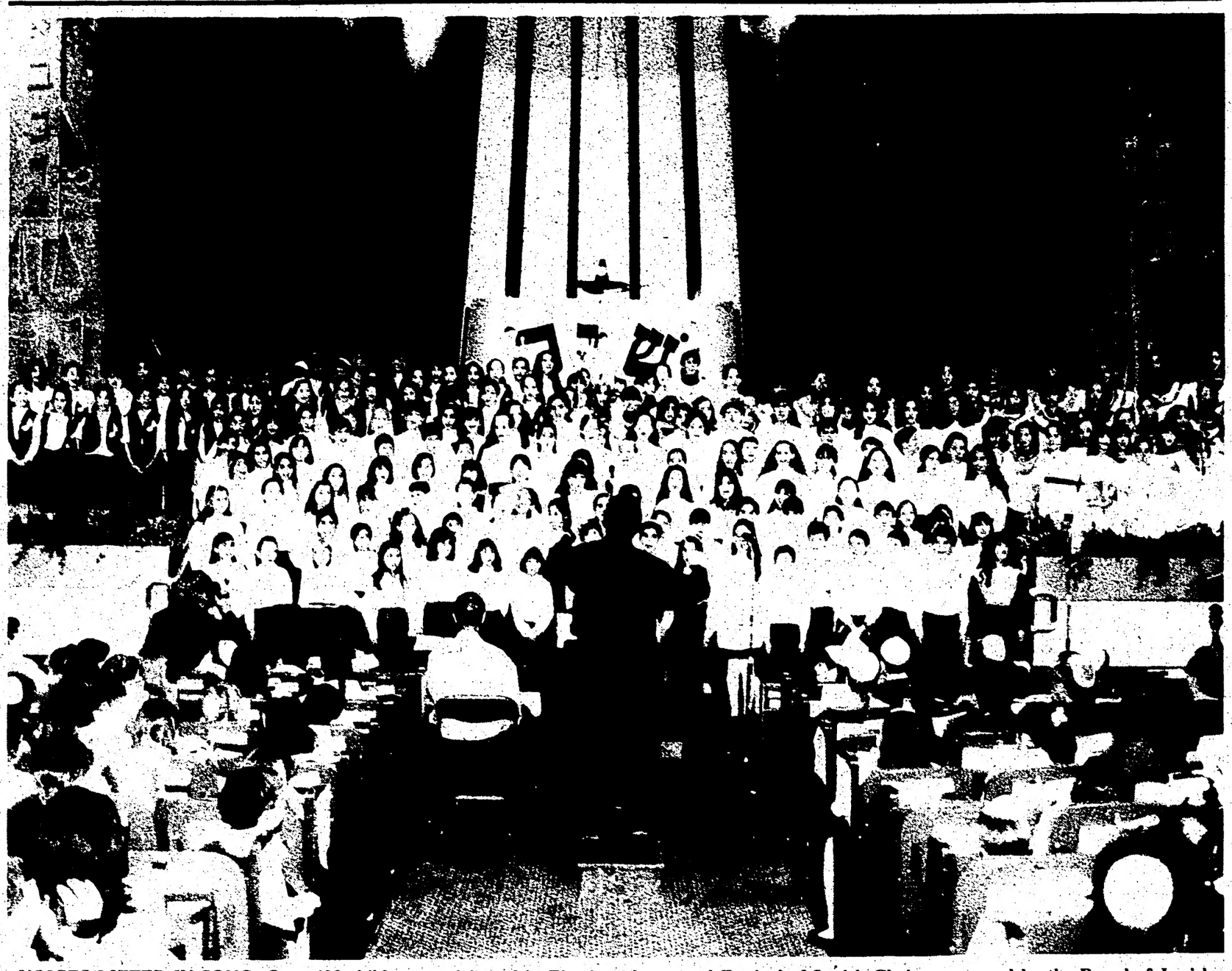
Bonds have been sold in Canada since 1953 and while the thrust of the Ontario campaign has traditionally centred around the High Holy Days, this year the campaign has expanded to include a number of volunteers in key sectors. The hope is that by broadening representation more people will consider purchasing bonds throughout the year.

Members of State of Israel Bonds executive were guests of Ontario region past chair Harvey and Renee Solursh, seen here at far left and second from right. Also in attendance were S. Richard Gordon, Mike Florence, co-chair Ontario region (centre) and (at far right) guest speaker Shlomo Harel.

Members of the executive include: Richard Gordon, Alex Grossman, Ralph Snow, Barry Tissenbaum and Israel Mida, accountants' division, Earl Miller and Phil Gertler, lawyers' division.

Jeannie Tanenbaum will head up functions and Barry Feiner is chair of the construction and development division. The new leadership division is headed up by Malcolm and Jody Silver and Marylin Rotenberg is chair of women's division. Jerome Shore and Howard Petrook will chair a new committee on advertising and marketing.

Plans for 1993 also include revitalizing the synagogue division under the leadership of Jack Feintuch and Sam Cohen.



VOICES LIFTED IN SONG: Over 400 children participated in Zimriya, the annual Festival of Jewish Choirs sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education, held in observance of Jewish Music Month. The program featured the music of five Israeli composers under the musical direction of Doron Ofir and the stage management of Mrs. Rivka Atzmony. Shown above are representatives of the participating choirs as they opened the Festival at the Adath Israel Synagogue. The rear mural features the Hebrew word "Shir" (Sing!).

Harari plans future in local basketball

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Like other basketball fans in Toronto, Eduardo Harari has high hopes that a bid by the Palestra Group will succeed in bringing an NBA franchise to Canada.

But unlike other fans, he has a personal stake in the matter. Harari is hoping to make a career in the world of professional basketball — not as a player but as an administrator.

Though he has no assurances that there will be a job waiting for him if and when Toronto gets a team, he is laying the groundwork for a future in the sport.

Harari was recently named director of Hispanic affairs for the Atlanta Eagles, a member of the eight-team United States Basketball League (USBL).

He'll be in charge of developing the team's market among Atlanta's 250,000 Hispanics. And while he's attempting to drum up community support for the team, he'll scout potential players in Venezuela.

Harari recently signed a one-year contract with the Eagles but is hoping to spend three years in the Georgia capital.

The Eagles compete against teams from Connecticut, Long Island, Westchester, Jacksonville, Miami and Palm Beach. Each team has a $40,000 salary cap, though players receive a variety of benefits, including housing and car allowances.

Like many players who see the USBL as a stepping stone to the NBA, Harari is hoping a similar fate awaits him. "My goal is to get enough experience so I can hook onto a professional sports franchise in public relations, or [with regard to] player personnel, in either English or Spanish," he said.

A native of Guatemala City (home to about 700 Jewish families), Harari moved to Toronto in 1982 at age 16. An avid basketball player, he competed for Canada in the 1984 Maccabi Youth Games. A year later, he played guard for Highland Secondary School in Dundas, which advanced to the provincial semi-finals.

While shooting hoops and getting through high school, he also found time to participate in B'nai Brith activities and was involved in Habonim.

In more recent years, Harari got a job with *Mundo Latino News*, a local Spanish-language newspaper, covering both baseball and basketball. During the Toronto Blue Jays' World Series run, his contacts with the team got him in touch with the CBS radio network when the on-air personality slated to broadcast the series got sick. As a result, the 27-year-old Harari did the play-by-play for the network's Spanish service.

During that time, he met the Eagles' owner, who eventually offered him a position with the team.

"It was an offer I couldn't pass up," he said.

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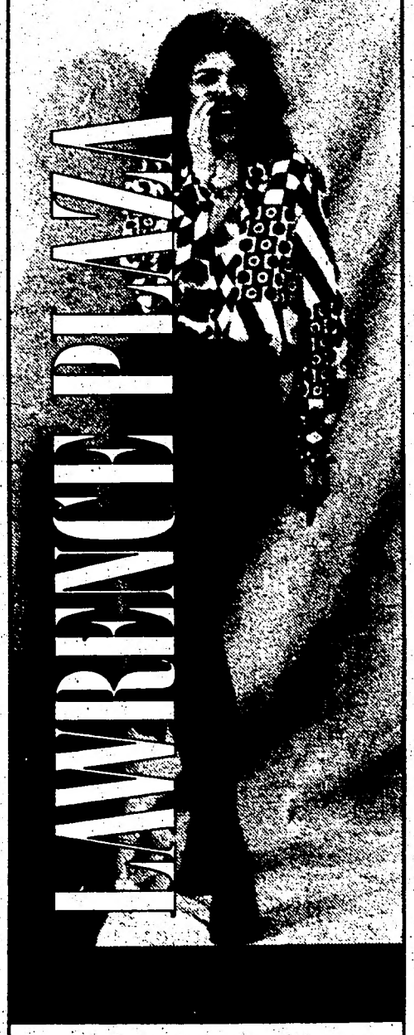

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Arts

Jewish community holds 'love-in' for Peterson

Oscar Peterson (seated), the JCC's 1993 Arts Person of the Year, is surrounded by well-wishers at last week's tribute to him. [Ron Csillag photo]

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Oscar Peterson has known awards and accolades as have few other Canadian entertainers, but as he conveyed to an adoring house last week at the Leah Posluns Theatre, receiving kudos at home is like nothing else.

It was a veritable love-in for Peterson, the Jewish Community Centre's (JCC) 1993 Arts Person of the Year. The jazz great seemed genuinely honored by the snappy musical tribute put together just for him, in front of an audience of over 400.

Emceed by a Peter Gzowski, host of CBC's *Morningside*, the evening honored the Montreal-born Peterson as "a Canadian who has made a significant contribution to the arts."

Past recipients of the biannual JCC award have been composer Louis Applebaum and arts patron Arthur Gelber.

The salute to Peterson took place during the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews' annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week.

Widely touted as the world's finest jazz pianist, Peterson's career has spanned nearly 50 years and he's played with such revered artists as Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie and Louis Armstrong.

David Perlmutter, president of the JCC's board, presented Peterson with a photo of the pianist wearing a kippah and fake sidelocks.

Ontario Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman brought greetings from Queen Elizabeth.

Musical performances came from jazz ensemble S.V.P., classical pianist Antonin Kubalek, singers Molly Johnson and Salome Bey, the Guido Basso quintet and bassist Ray Brown, who played with Peterson for 15 years.

Poet James Strecker recited three poems in homage to Peterson while the Danny Grossman Dance Company performed a striking work that evoked human pinballs gone berserk.

Ray Brown and the evening's chair, Virginia Solomon, presented Peterson with a specially-inscribed crystal book sculpted by Canadian artist Stacey Spiegel.

Proceeds from the evening will go towards supporting various cultural programs at the JCC, the Leah Posluns Theatre and the adjacent Koffler Gallery.

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Correction

In the article, Doctor's self-help books help deal with cancer, in the Feb. 23 issue of *The CJN* the fourth last paragraph should have read: Goldberg concludes that "hope" is a crucial tool for cancer patients and their families. "It is the internal resource that permits one to accept or better tolerate the stresses associated with diagnosis and treatment," he says.

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Harnoy creates a rich flavor for late composer's prayer

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — The late composer Leon Zuckert was only 12 when he rushed home from synagogue in Ukraine to write *N'ilah*, so moved was he by this solemn prayer in the Yom Kippur service.

That composition, played by cellist Ofra Harnoy, proved to be one of the highlights of a concert at the Leah Posluns Theatre presented by the Shevchenko Musical Guild and the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir in honor of Zuckert who died last year at the age of 88.

The liquid tones of Harnoy's playing, accompanied by Derek Brampton, gave full flavor to the composer's reaction to this heartfelt prayer. Concert host David Mills observed that *N'ilah* was Zuckert's first choice when asked to include a piece of Jewish music in a concert.

Another highlight was the world premiere of *Sonata for Cello and Piano*, written by Zuckert for his friend Harnoy. The introspective beginning, the busting-with-life second movement and the flourishing finale typified Zuckert's musical signature of facing life on a militant note.

In order to give the full range of the late composer's virtuosity, the concert included more solo numbers

Leon Zuckert

and fewer performances by the Shevchenko and Jewish Folk Choir groups than this reviewer would have liked. The one Yidish song, *Sholem Yesh, Milchome Nein!*(Peace Yes, War No!) was the first playing of a version orchestrated by Andrew Markow, who conducted the Shevchenko Musical Ensemble Chorus and Orchestra and Toronto Jewish Folk Choir in this number.

The only other appearance of the Folk Choir was in the *Canadian Work Songs Suite*, conducted by baritone David Variabed, which, while expressing French-Canadian and Maritime themes, would have benefitted from the inclusion of a Yiddish song of the garment workers of Toronto or Montreal.

What the concert lacked in Yiddish content, however, was compensated by the overall diversity of the program. This was especially true of soprano Jean Edwards' rendition of *The Lonesome Loon* based on a poem by Lois Darroch, who was in the audience. Darroch's poem, simple and brief, captured the mystery of this full-throated warbler.

The poems of his wife Ella Bobrow were an inspiration to Zuckert and the concert included five pieces set to her writing performed by Variabed, soprano Vera Kaushansky and bass-baritone John Nieboer, all accompanied by Lina Zemelman. Bobrow was also in the audience.

One of these pieces, *Another Chance*, was originally written for the composer's sister, Fay, on her 80th birthday.

The piano piece, *Always Young*, played by Natalya Tyomkina, was a birthday gift by the composer to a daughter.

Congratulations are due to Michael Schulman for his excellent program notes.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Jews of Germany — A Historical Portrait by Ruth Gay (Yale University Press, $55.00)

About 40,000 Jews now live in Germany, all that remains of one of the most creative communities in Jewish history. Tragically, the vibrant, original and many-sided culture they produced no longer exists. In twelve brief years the Nazis destroyed a way of life that had been centuries in the making.

Out of the 520,000 Jews who lived in Germany in 1933, some 300,000 emigrated when war broke out in September, 1939. Only a handful of those remaining managed to flee to safety.

This unique book — illustrated with a wealth of paintings, photographs, excerpts from letters and historical documents — provides a panoramic overview of 1,600 years of German Jewish history. It traces the lives, concerns, problems, achievements and hopes of Jews from their first settlements on the Rhine in the fourth century through the traumatic period of the Crusades, from the cramped ghettos and restrictions of the Middle Ages to the expectant era of Moses Mendelssohn in the 18th century, from the time of Napoleon and the new freedoms of the Emancipation to the ferment of the Weimer Republic.

Germany produced outstanding personalities

The author depicts how Jews lived and worked, their day-to-day struggle in an often hostile environment, the organization of their cultural and religious institutions, the fashioning of Yiddish as a distinctive language, and the dynamic role Jews played in all aspects of German cultural, commercial and social life.

The reader learns such fascinating facts as the diplomatic appointment by Charlemagne of a Jewish merchant to Baghdad, who returned with a white elephant; the Lateran Council decree in 1215 requiring Jews to wear distinctive head gear; eager gentiles saving Jews during a 17th century pogrom in Frankfurt; Emil Rathenau introducing electricity into German life and creating an empire; 12,000 Jewish soldiers died for the Kaiser and Fatherland during World War I.

German Jewry responded to the challenge of modernity with remarkable vigor and genius. Reform, Conservative and Neo-orthodox forms of Judaism had their beginnings in the country as did the "scientific study of Judaism" which attempted to give intellectual validity to both Jewish history and faith.

As philosophers, the German Jews were especially noteworthy. The insights and perceptions of four men in particular have been of enduring significance: Hermann Cohen (1842-1918); Leo Baeck (1873-1956); Martin Buber (1878-1965); and Franz Rosenzweig (1886-1929).

What a galaxy of outstanding Jewish personalities Germany produced. From our own time names like Karl Marx, Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, Gershom Scholem, Max Reinhardt, Kurt Weill, and Erich Fromm come quickly to mind.

The Jews of Germany is not only a splendidly illustrated history and reference work. It is also a poignant memorial to a destroyed community and its singular achievements.

Arts

Russian Jewish stars find new future

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Two Jewish stars of *Russians on Broadway*, the musical from Moscow which went bellyup in Toronto last April, have landed on their feet.

Though the musical had to fold prematurely when the company's assets were frozen during the abortive putsch in Russia, Anna Shafajinskaia and Igor Portnoi are on their way to becoming Canadian citizens and happy to be living in Toronto.

Shafajinskaia, 28, a trained opera singer, is to be married soon to Oleg Sergeev, a former dancer with the Kirov Ballet, who has lived here for two years. They met when Sergeev invited three of the company members to live in his house when their funds ran out.

Portnoi, 32, who played the lead acting-singing role of Mischa in the musical, lived for six months as a guest of a Toronto Jewish couple, James and Helen Klutach of Sussex Avenue, and finally has qualified for a permit to work here after his application for refugee status passed the initial stage.

He has no desire to go back to Russia. "The situation for Jews there is very serious," he said.

Neither Shafajinskaia nor Portnoi are bitter about the failure of the first version of *Russians on Broadway*, acknowledging that the musical had a poor English script. They are hopeful that the musical will resurface to a better reception. One revised edition has already played at Massey Hall in which they took part.

Anna Shafajinskaia

Shafajinskaia has already performed at the Baycrest Centre, the Borochov Centre, B'nai Brith, Beth Sholom Synagogue and the National Council of Jewish Women, donating her services in some cases. "She wants to give something back to the Jewish community, she is a wonderful, generous person," said Luda Felik of the Community Integration Program. The singer takes six hours of English lessons a week sponsored by the CIP at the Jewish Community Centre.

The Odessa-born singer has not forgotten her parents, Eugene and Tamara, still in Odessa, sending some money from her own slender earnings to them, and phoning when she can. "Things are very hard but they plan to stay on there, even though they don't know what is going to happen from one day to the next," she said.

Her father, an amateur musician, is a sailor, while her mother was a professional singer and actress.

Highlights of Shafajinskaia's time in Toronto include a visit to the CN Tower and to performances of the opera *Chess* and *Phantom of the Opera*, the latter two courtesy of a well-wisher who sent her free tickets.

Though she is still unsure of her English, Shafajinskaia sallies forth on the subway and buses making her way around the city. "The first time I went on the subway to College Street I asked a woman in the station which way was south and she laughed and said she was an immigrant too. She came with me and helped me find the place."

The CIP is hoping to arrange musical evenings in private homes when the host of talented Russian artists now in Toronto will get a chance to perform. For information, call Trudy Shecter, 631-5680.

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Torch Song Trilogy's reprise effective

TORONTO — When Harvey Fierstein's *Torch Song Trilogy* first hit off-Broadway, AIDS was just a speck on the horizon and it was easy to write about a Jewish drag queen and his voyage to self-discovery.

Whether *Torch Song Trilogy* would be the success today as it was then is a moot point, but there is no doubt that its insights into human relationships are just as valid.

For that reason, Congregation Keshet Shalom, serving gay and lesbian Jews in Toronto, is to be congratulated for sponsoring a benefit performance of the Prominent Feature Players' production of *Torch Song Trilogy* recently at the Joseph Workman Theatre. The run of the play, directed by Randy Leslie, ended Feb. 27.

A caveat is that the audience could have been spared the second act, titled *Fugue in a Nursery*, which added little to the understanding of Arnold and resulted in the play running more than three hours. Ouch!

Arnold, played with elan by David Roddis, is a handsome, muscular, dark-eyed young Jew who makes his living as a stage drag queen. His first lover is a bisexual Brooklyn college teacher (the understated but effective Peter Tebbutt) who opts to marry Laurel (Judy Gans). Arnold then couples with Alan (Andrew Pollack, a skilled actor who looks like a young Richard Benjamin).

A few years later Alan is murdered by gay bashers, and Arnold has to thread his way through a maze involving his ex-lover, whose marriage has come apart, a gay street kid (Bob Merkley) whom Arnold wants to adopt, and a mother who has never given up hope that Arnold would go straight.

Fierstein's dialogue makes Mrs. Beckhoff a realistic but not stereotypical Jewish mother. Unfortunately, Geri Gans fails to take advantage of this and gives us a cliched version.

— B.R.

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Cherney's works part of free TSO series

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO — The Toronto Symphony's (TSO) *Evening Overtures* is one of the best bargains in town. This series of chamber works at Roy Thomson Hall is free for evening program ticket holders and provides orchestra members the opportunity to play smaller works.

The series also features commissioned chamber pieces which showcase the talents of some of the TSO's excellent musicians. In a recent concert, oboe/English horn player Cary Ebli was the soloist in the world premiere of Montreal-based composer Brian Cherney's *In the Stillness of September, 1942*, commissioned for Ebli by the CBC and conducted with great sensitivity by the TSO's former music director, Andrew Davis.

For some, the year 1942 might resonate with the horrors of the Second World War. Cherney was a young boy in 1942 and his memories are of an idyllic countryside far from the bloodshed and the carnage. Nonetheless, there is a subtext to Cherney's work. As the listener is embraced by its elegiac mood, there is a faint unease caused by the knowledge of what was happening elsewhere in the world, a knowledge that makes Cherney's nostalgia for a lost innocence all the more poignant.

Cherney has made a life's career of exploring aspects of "stillness" in music and *September* is his seventh composition with this word in the title. For this particular piece, he has placed the English horn against a backdrop of four violins, two cellos and violas and one double bass. In Elbi's hand, the English horn becomes a haunted voice from the past.

Cherney did not intend the piece to be a virtuosic one for the soloist. Rather he has painted a landscape of sound in which the English horn functions as group leader and commentator, but where the strings are more than mere window-dressing.

Considering there are only 10 instruments, Cherney has created a piece which surprisingly evokes the grandeur and majesty of nature. By manipulating the strings, Cherney allows one to hear the rustling of grass, the buzzing of insects, the rambling of a brook while imagining sun-dappled meadows. The composer has chosen to be modern without being inaccessible in tonality; *September* is, therefore, a tone poem that falls within the reach of even the most conservative listeners.

Although not virtuosio, *September* still places great demands on the very gifted Ebli, eliciting from the horn either long, languorous notes or runs up and down the scale in short bursts, both of which require enormous breath control. The horn takes the audience on a melodic journey and the instrument becomes our eyes and our senses. Nuance is the key.

Perhaps Cherney's greatest achievement in *September* is the fact that he is able to deal with a contradiction in terms. He created a world alive with sound, yet at the same time at rest.

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Florida keeps on shining long after the sun goes down

By ROSE KLEINER

MIAMI —

Visitors to south Florida, whether families or singles, will find this winter, that after hours of sun, sand and sports they can attend a different play, concert or exhibit almost every day of the week.

Theatres, large and small, now dot the landscape all along the coast. *Fiddler On The Roof* is at the Singapore Hotel's Malayan Room (Miami Beach) through March 28.

The famous Coconut Grove Playhouse is showing *Carreno* in its Encore Room. The story of a famous 19th century pianist, this play features music by Beethoven, Chopin and Lizst. On its main stage the Playhouse is running the comedy, *Don't Dress For Dinner* until March 28. *Beau Jest*, a comedy about a young Jewish woman, is scheduled at the Playhouse May 21-June 20.

The Marco Polo Theatre (Miami Beach) has lined up the world premiere of the musical *Sophie, Totie and Belle* (about Sophie Tucker and Totie Fields) until March 14; *Forty Carats* (with Gloria DeHaven) — March 17 to April 25, and *Kuni Lemel*, from April 28.

The Actors Playhouse in Kendall is showing the musical *Damn Yankees*, until March 21, and the comedy *Sight Unseen*, will be at the Caldwell Theatre (Boca Raton) until March 28.

The Sheik of Avenue B, a musical, can be seen at the Parker Playhouse March 9-21, and at the Royal Poinciana Playhouse March 23-28.

Readings of plays are scheduled regularly at the Hollywood Playhouse, where the comedy *Nunsense* is running until April 11. Steve and Eydie Gorme will appear March 13 and 14 at the Florida Atlantic University Center (Boca Raton), and the small, intimate New Theatre in downtown Coral Gables is showing David Mamet's *Speed the Plow*.

Art Spiegelman's Maus Comics (on the subject of the Holocaust) will be at Ft. Lauderdale's Museum of Art until April 11.

Israel: Everyday Visions is the name of an exhibit at the Northwood Institute, West Palm Beach (until March 12). A show on Russian painting, 1900-1940, opens at the Bass Museum March 1. Israeli artist Moshe Michaan will have a show at the Patricia Judith Gallery (Boca Raton) from March 8 to April 4.

Do not miss the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach, with its 42-foot bronze sculpture. It is a place for remembrance and quiet contemplation that should be visited by everyone.

An abundance of kosher dining facilities can be found along Collins Ave. in Miami Beach. Jerusalem Peking, at the Days Inn (42nd St.), Yosi Peking, at the Eden Roc (45th St.), and Peking Tower Suite (41st St.) serve Chinese cuisine.

Kikor Tel Aviv (50th St.) has international cuisine, and Guisseppe Goldberg (31st St.) serves Italian food. This is only a partial list of the restaurants along the beach. Sara's Dairy Restaurant, to the north, away from the beach, and newly decorated, is well worth a visit.

Singles can check the weekly *Palm Beach Jewish World's* singles section, which lists programs for both young and mature singles. "Faces," a Jewish young singles group (ages 21-39) holds monthly parties throughout Dade and Broward counties. A new Jewish secular singles group has just formed in south Florida. For information about the latter call (800) 741-3768.

A free weekend shuttle bus is now operating between Miami Beach and downtown Miami. It covers the Art Deco district and Ocean Drive in Miami Beach, as well as Bayside and the Omni complex in Miami. For information call 638-6700.

Wide range of musical programs

A wide range of music programs is available in south Florida. You can hear Joel Gray on March 14, and the Klezmatics on March 25 at the Levis Jewish Centre, Boca Raton.

A Cantorial Concert is scheduled at Beth Torah Synagogue, Miami Beach, March 16.

The Greater Miami Opera has lined up an exciting program which includes Mozart's *Magic Flute* (March 15-21), and Bizet's *Carmen* (April 19-25), both to be shown at the Dade County Auditorium in Miami.

Metropolitan Opera soprano Roberta Peters, in *An Evening of Arias and Light Favorites* by Gershwin, Berlin, Rossini, Verdi, etc. will perform March 27 at the Broward Center.

Excellent accommodation is available all along the Gold Coast and in such Miami areas as Coral Gables and Coconut Grove.

Those looking for a kosher resort will find the popular Saxony Hotel, on the ocean, a very good choice. With spacious rooms and many activities nearby, the hotel is especially lively on Shabbat when visitors fill the dining room and synagogue on the premises and a truly festive atmosphere prevails.

For a pleasant interlude away from the sun try one of south Florida's many museums and galleries.

One of the most significant exhibits this winter is at the Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Art. Corot to Cezanne is an exhibit of 19th century French paintings on loan from New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. It continues to April 11.

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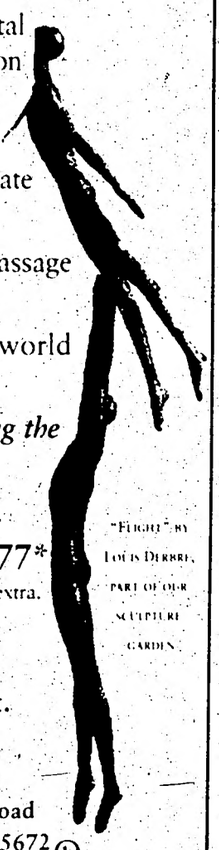
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In 1965, a young Jacques Benquesus came to Canada from Morocco with the hopes of becoming a bank manager. He soon found, however, that the bank business can be boring, so he left the bank to work as an accountant for a printing operation called Kopykats. Several years later, when Kopykats was sold, Benquesus, who had since anglicized his name to Jack Banks, decided to open his own small printing shop.

It soon grew to 12 shops across Ontario, but as the business grew, so did the problems. In 1980, with the introduction of high-speed duplicators and copiers, Banks developed a pilot project that would revolutionize the print service industry. His test store featured all electronic equipment which eliminated the need for highly-skilled operators and needed only two people to operate, as compared to five with the previous setup. After only one year in operation, sales were almost three times higher than what had been reached in the original stores. Banks knew then that he had a successful formula to franchise and in 1982 did just that with his Print Three centers.

All of the original stores were converted to franchise operations and today there are 60 full service Print Three centers across Canada.

Never one to be satisfied with the status quo, Banks is again on the threshold of another major breakthrough with Print Three. Again, after another two years' testing of a pilot project, Banks is introducing Print Three Express and he is more than a little excited about his new franchise venture.

He spoke with CJN Managing Editor Len Butcher at Print Three's headquarters on Nashdene Road in Scarborough.

CJN: *Rumors are that your new venture will have a major impact on the print service industry. Can you tell me exactly what Print Three Express will offer and how it will differ from existing print centers?*

Banks: In this day and age, it's very important that you have equipment that is highly electronic and that it performs services that can't be found anywhere else. With our new Print Three Express concept, that's exactly what we'll be able to do.

The key is that we can offer instant printing services for business cards, both in black and white or color, instant bar code labels, which now take two to three weeks to get, instant invitations, instant banners, as large as 18 inches by 48 inches in just five minutes, and instant posters. It's unbelievable what this equipment can do.

CJN: *Have you opened any Print Three Express centers yet?*

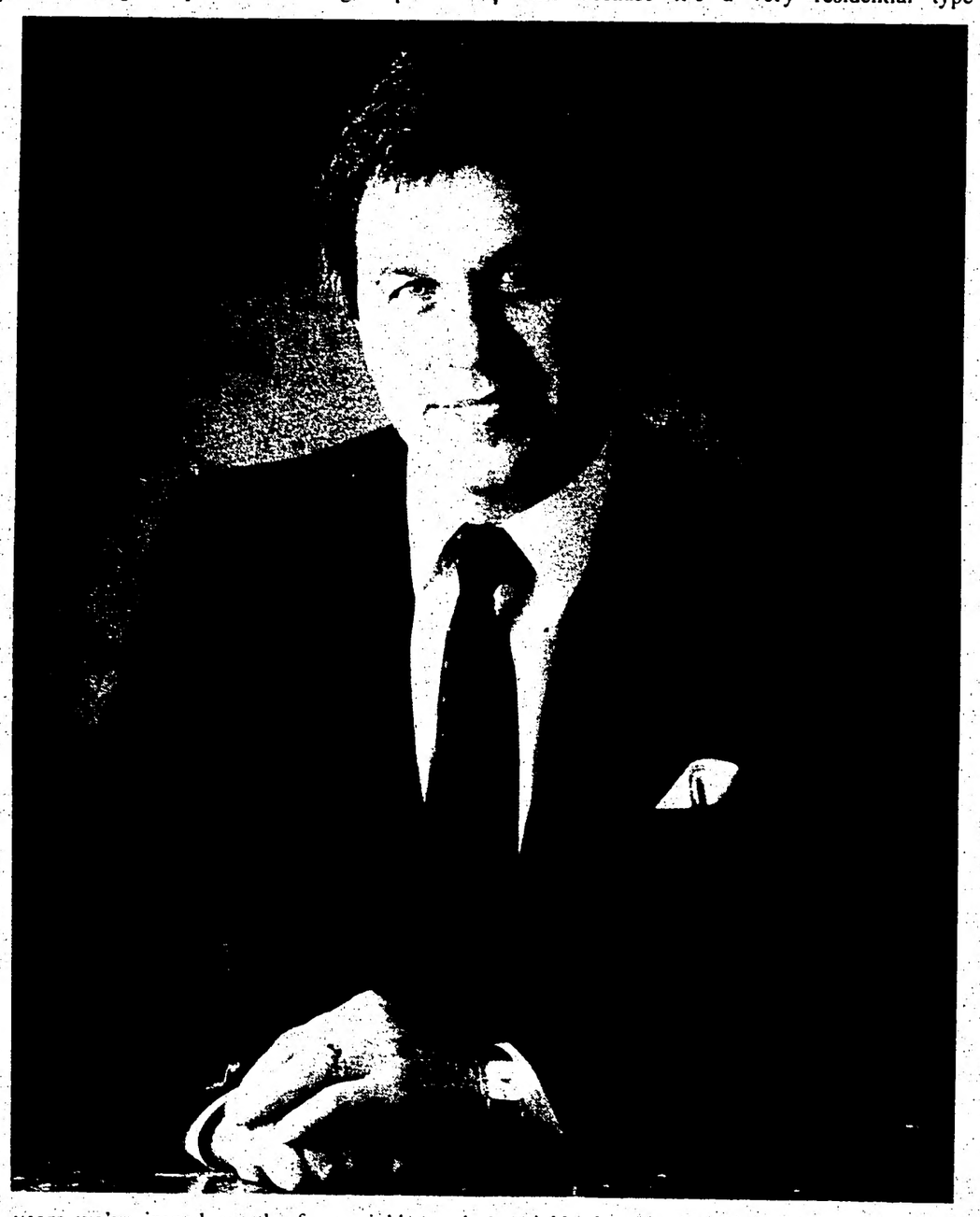
Banks: We have our pilot project in the Markville Shopping Center that we began two years ago and are opening four centers this month. We are now in the process of franchising the program and we already have deposits on hand for 18 centers.

CJN: *Before we get into the details of the franchise itself, how and when did you develop the concept?*

Banks: In 1990 we started doing research to come up with a simple concept that would cater to the consumer and would be even simpler to run than the full service Print Three centers. We looked at all the new sophisticated high tech equipment on the market and formulated a plan and in 1991 were ready to test it.

CJN: *Were you able to find a franchisee to be a guinea pig or did you operate it yourself?*

Banks: Fortunately, a man in a wheelchair who worked for me 15 years ago in one of the centers, was willing to experiment. During the past two years we've ironed out the few wrinkles and brought it all together so that we now have a winning formula. We know that by the amount of business the store has done.



CJN: *Why did you decide to go into a shopping center?*

Banks: The whole concept of Print Three Express, which is really a mini Print Three center, is to operate in high retail traffic areas like shopping centers, strip malls and subway stations where the business is 99 percent cash and is consumer oriented.

CJN: *So you didn't plan Print Three Express with the business community in mind?*

Banks: Not really, even though all the services will greatly appeal to the business man and woman. We decided to test the new concept in Markville because it's a very residential type neighborhood and we found families using the center in great numbers.

Everyone today goes to malls whether they really like to or not. There's free parking and it's one-stop shopping. So if a person is going to the mall to pick up groceries, go to the drugstore and drop off some cleaning, and at the same time get any printing done they want, they're going to do it. And this pilot project proved it.

CJN: *In what way? Can you give me figures?*

Banks: Scarborough Town Centre prides itself on being one of the seven major malls in Canada and its claim to fame is that it averages $450 per square foot in annual sales per store. Our Print Three Express outlet in Markville Shopping Centre is averaging over $1000 in annual sales per square foot which was the highest in the country and it doesn't have the business card or banner printing machine in yet.

The franchisees of the store at Markville are now opening a second outlet which tells you something. When you have an existing franchisee wanting to open a second location then you know you're doing something right.

CJN: *How large, in square feet, are the stores and how many people do you need to operate one?*

Banks: A typical Print Three Express outlet is about 300 square feet. The operation can be run by two people, but it can be handled by one initially.

CJN: *How much of an investment is needed to become a franchisee of a Print Three Express store and what does the investment include?*

Banks: The investment, once a person has qualified, is $45,000 plus $5,000 working capital. The $45,000 includes the lease negotiations, all leasehold improvements, electrical work, carpeting, counters, worktables, partitioning, air conditioning, signs, site selection and training.

CJN: *What about the equipment?*

Banks: Because of the difficulty in borrowing money today, we will lease the equipment to the franchisee. We realize that one of the biggest obstacles for people wanting to get into business is borrowing money. It's very difficult for many people, especially when you're talking large amounts. So we are offering a complete turnkey operation. Once the franchisee has his or her initial investment they won't have to worry about going to the bank and having to put up their house for collateral, or getting turned down.

CJN: *That's very generous, but to purchase that amount of equipment for the franchisees, how will you raise the money?*

Banks: We, meaning Print Three Express International Inc., will be doing an initial public offering to raise $3 to $5 million to finance the purchase of equipment.

CJN: *How many outlets are available?*

Banks: Our target is 200 over the next three years and right now all the Toronto locations are gone, but the rest of Canada is open for anyone interested.

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franchisees who currently own full service Print Three centers to give them first crack at the new Print Three Express concept. Fifteen of them bought in, expanding their operation, which to me is a wonderful testimonial of our product.

Because of the economic conditions of the past few years, there are a lot of people unemployed in Canada today who have walked away from their jobs with nice compensation packages, but who don't know what to do. They're too young to retire and too old to get another job, so this is the perfect opportunity for people who fit into this scenario.

CJN: *How do you choose a franchisee and how long does it take from the time someone qualifies to the time they can open a Print Three Express?*

Banks: We work on a first come, first served basis as long as the person qualifies. Once they do, they are looking at a maximum of 90 days before opening for business.

CJN: *What about the competition? I'm sure they're not going to sit still while Print Three Express captures the market?*

Banks: First of all, we have an exclusive in Canada for the business card equipment, which should give us a very big head start. The instant bar code labels are something new, and sure, the competition can get hold of the same equipment, but by the time they do, we'll be in every shopping centre, mall and subway station and I don't think the landlords of these locations will be that interested in having more than one operation of the kind we're offering.

CJN: *I don't want to put you on the spot, but what kind of sales, in dollars, can a franchisee expect to have in the first few years?*

Banks: After two, or three years at the most, he or she should be able to realize annual sales of between $300,000 and $500,000. The potential for a franchisee, with what is being offered by a Print Three Express outlet, is great. We use superior equipment like Canon and Xerox. In fact we're the largest commercial account of Xerox in Canada, so we are doing a very large volume of business.

CJN: *Any plans for expanding into other countries?*

Banks: We have had requests from Israel, England, Spain, South America and the United States and we have people lining up to negotiate deals for these countries.

What we are looking for are master franchisors, who are well financed, who can take the same concept and do exactly in these countries as what I'm doing here.

I now have a master franchisor in Israel who is now looking for franchisees.

CJN: *Have you been as hurt by the recession as much as other types of businesses?*

Banks: I have a group of companies, all related to the print business and some have been hurt, as I have personally, but the Print Three centers have grown by five to 10 percent during this recession, which is a very good sign.

CJN: *Why do you think the centers have fared well?*

Banks: I credit their success to the fact that we are a customer-oriented operation. We are continually looking for ways to provide a product that the customer wants at a fair and reasonable price and to provide it on time. To do this we work closely with our suppliers to give us exactly what we want and we try to keep one step ahead of the competition.

For instance, I've always been a great believer in high technology and to take advantage of it. I was the first in North America to introduce desktop publishing. You have to try to do the right things to stay on top, to stay ahead. To do that you have to have a great team and I'm very fortunate that I'm surrounded by good, talented people who all share that same goal.

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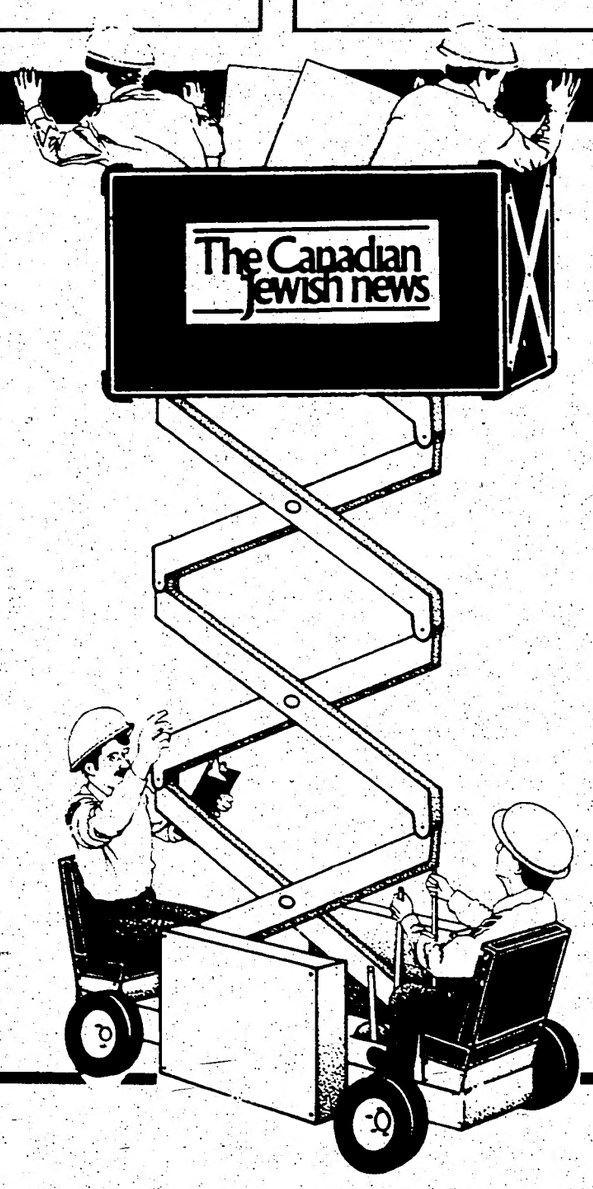

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Kivun aims to be software leader

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JERUSALEM (JPFS) —In 1985, when Bob Rosenschein was already living in Israel but still working as a computer consultant for U.S. companies, he heard Microsoft Corporation president Bill Gates describe a graphics user interface product called Windows to one of his clients.

Many experts - including Rosenschein's client at the time, Ashton Tate - doubted the new product would ever catch on. But Rosenschein was enthused by what he heard.

In fact, he was so excited that when he and his brother Jeffrey founded their own software company in 1988, Rosenschein staked the company's future on Windows' success.

"We made it a task for ourselves when we started the company to become the Israeli leaders in Windows," he said.

By June, 1991, Rosenschein's gamble started paying off. Kivun Computers Ltd. snagged a lucrative and prestigious contract to help Microsoft develop its Hebrew version of Windows, which by then was a market leader.

Last month, the company embarked on its acid test - the launch of its first proprietary Windows-based product, a multilingual word processor called Dagesh.

Rosenschein, who has worked in computers since graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) 17 years ago, describes the meeting with Gates as a turning point in his life.

"I was just taken aback - it was a brilliant concept," he said. "I came back to Israel hot on Windows."

A shrewd business observation also helped him make up his mind. Windows was backed by all of Microsoft's might, while Digital Research, which produced GEM -Windows' leading competitor at the time - was laying off workers due to financial troubles. Given this, "I knew that Windows would win," Rosenschein said.

Thus, when the Rosenscheins started Kivun, they looked for people who knew Windows.

For the first few years, the firm subsisted by subcontracting for other companies - writing the Hebrew versions of Microsoft's Excel spreadsheet, Corel Corporation's graphics program CorelDraw and Hewlett Packard's desktop publishing software New Wave; and designing a Hebrew typesetting program.

In 1991, however, the decision to specialize in Windows finally paid off.

Aryeh Scope, managing director of Microsoft's Israeli marketing subsidiary, noticed the company's work and told Gates that Microsoft could bring out a Hebrew version of Windows faster with Kivun's help.

A contract was signed that June, and Kivun's staff became part of the 11-person team which developed Hebrew Windows.

Over the next year, the company doubled its staff to seven people, as the Microsoft project contributed both profits and prestige. In the past four months, it has more than doubled again, to 16 employees. But perhaps equally important to Kivun's future, Rosenschein noted, the project "gave us a tremendous extra understanding of the internal workings of Windows."

This knowledge became crucial when Kivun started to develop Dagesh - the product on which it is now staking its future.

"Dagesh is the kernel of a multilingual word-processing technology," Rosenschein explained. "All of the company's future development plans center around possible accessories to Dagesh, including multilingual spellcheckers, translators and fax, database and file management capabilities.

Dagesh claims to handle 25 European languages, including Russian, in addition to English and Hebrew. Although Rosenschein readily admits that the initial version lacks many of the features one would expect from a high-level word processor - it can't do footnotes, for instance - he is confident that the decision to release now and add the missing features later was correct.

"We were faced with an economic decision," he explained. By his estimate, adding the missing features would have taken another three to six months. But since most Hebrew word processors are primitive by English standards anyway - and Dagesh is initially being launched only in Israel - Kivun decided it could make enough sales in those three to six months to make waiting foolish.

As an incentive, the company - most of whose staff is from the United States - added a number of American-style marketing gimmicks. These include the promise of a free upgrade within 120 days of purchase, about $250 worth of coupons for both Kivun and Microsoft products and a 30-day money-back guarantee - something which is virtually unheard of here.

So far, the decision appears to have been justified. The company has signed a distribution deal for 1,000 copies with the Chicago-based Davka company - a leading distributor of Jewish software in the United States -and another 1,000 copies were snapped up locally during the first week of sales.

About a dozen of these sales were to tourists, as a result of which Kivun is now trying to get its product into airport and hotel gift shops to complement the work being done by its four local distributors: Malal, Hilan, Hashavshevet and Pal-Ron. The company's goal for the year is to sell 10,000 copies.

However, Rosenschein admits that Kivun won't have the same luxury when it launches Accent, the international version of its product. Accent, which is essentially Dagesh without Hebrew, is slated to be launched at the CeBIT trade show in Hanover on March 24. By then, the missing features - from footnotes to multilingual menus (the menus are currently only in English and Hebrew) - must be included.

Another crucial, but as yet unanswered, question is how to handle documentation for Accent. Should complete instruction manuals in several languages be provided, thereby driving up the cost, or will the program come with one manual of the user's choice plus multilingual electronic help screens, which might be more difficult to use?

Ultimately, the international market will determine the product's success or failure.

"Internationalization isn't something that everyone needs, but big corporations do need it," Rosenschein said, noting that Kivun expects Accent's major market to be the business world.

The company is now looking for overseas distributors for Accent, as well as for Dagesh in Europe. Davka will have the exclusive rights to Dagesh in the United States.

According to Rosenschein, Dagesh is currently the only multilingual, Windows-based word processor on the market. However, he knows he can only enjoy this monopoly for a limited time. Microsoft, for instance, has already announced that it plans to develop a Hebrew version of its popular Microsoft Word word processor, which would compete directly with Dagesh in Israel.

Meanwhile, the company is looking to expand its financing base, in anticipation of this year's hoped-for tenfold increase in sales and a planned redoubling of its staff. Until recently, Kivun was financed entirely by its owners, but two months ago it received its first grant from the Industry and Trade Ministry's Office of the Chief Scientist.

The company is also "on the verge" of receiving its first injection of venture capital, from a group of overseas investors. Such an alternative source of capital could be very important, because technology developed with government funds cannot legally be sold abroad - a condition which makes Kivun unwilling to consider government funding for most of its projects.

Kivun's maiden venture into proprietary software is fraught with risks. Accent, for instance, could still fail to live up to its creators' vision. Alternatively, the company's fledgling marketing staff - most of the seven-member team has been hired within the last few weeks - might not be up to the task. In addition, Kivun has never marketed anything to the general public before; all of its previous products were sold via professional organizations.

However, Rosenschein seems confident of success.

"When computing platforms change, new market leaders emerge," he said, quoting his role model, Bill Gates.

Rosenschein hopes that Kivun will become one of these new leaders.

Israeli economy showing strong growth for 1993

NEW YORK — American business leader Elmer Winter predicts record growth in the Israeli economy during 1993, coupled with a drop in the inflation rate to below 10 percent — "the lowest in 20 years."

Winter, chair of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel and a sometime critic of Israel's past sluggishness in moving to a market economy, said he is "upbeat" about recent developments.

"The indicators show an expected growth rate of between five and six percent," he said. "That means Israel's economy will continue to flourish in '93." He cited the December 14 issue of *Business Week*, which reported: "Suddenly, Israel's volatile economy is riding high."

Winter continued: "What is happening in Israel should be a signal to American companies that now is the time to open factories there and take advantage of such incentives as its highly-trained labor force, tax holidays and free trade agreements with the United States and the European economic community."

U.S. companies expanding operations

He noted that three major American firms — Vishay, Intel and McDonell-Douglas — have recently announced major expansions of their operations in Israel. Intel, he said, is considering a $1 billion upgrading of its silicon chip manufacturing plant in Jerusalem, and the government has already approved a $380 million grant for the project, which is expected to receive final approval from Intel's board of directors.

Because the Rabin government is in full support of a growth program designed to expand Israel's free market economy, business investors can anticipate lower taxes and less red tape, he said.

His other predictions for 1993:

— President Bill Clinton will act to support a strong economic partnership between the United States and Israel.

— The $10 billion in loan guarantees approved by the United States will activate similar arrangements with other countries, which hesitated to grant Israel most-favorable-term loans and guarantees prior to Washington's action.

— Prime Minister Rabin's dissatisfaction with the slow rate of Israel's privatization program will spur sell offs of Israel-owned companies, including shares in El Al, Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim.

— The ready availability of investment capital in Israel and abroad will continue to fuel demand for Israeli stocks. The general index of share prices, adjusted for inflation, soared 70 percent from January to November 1992. Bank Leumi's new mutual fund, "Psagot Overseas," recently set a record by raising 500 million New Israeli Shekels (NIS) within a few hours of coming to market.

— Downsizing and improvements in operational efficiency will make Israeli companies more competitive in world markets. Koor Industries has made a spectacular turnaround by reducing its work force from 31,000 to 16,000, transforming an ongoing loss into a $65 million profit for the first six months of 1992.

— Expect a continuing erosion in the effectiveness of the Arab boycott of Israel, reflected in a decision of a growing number of companies on the so-called Pacific Rim to begin doing business in Israel despite the boycott.

Winter said his bullish predictions for 1993 are predicated on a continuation of peace negotiations between Israel and her neighbors that will "hopefully result in a peace agreement."

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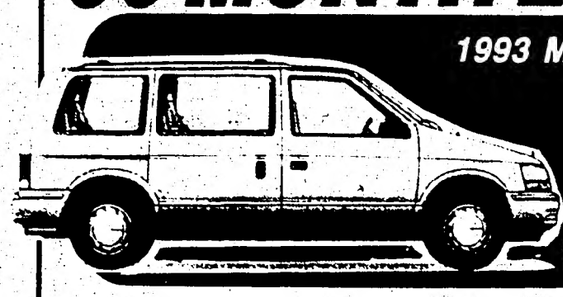

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Mondi's versatile statement

By RACHEL ALKALLAY

This outfit from Mondi is a picture of elegance and style.

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Mondi has drawn its inspiration from the romantic colonial days of the 1920s and the subtleties of the ocean to bring together a fun collection that maintains a casual elegance.

The Spring 1993 collection of the Mondi and Portara lines is comprised of nine separate groupings. With the classic cuts and fabrics which distinguish Mondi, all can be mixed and matched.

The Ocean collection displays the subtle tones discovered in dune colors: pale and pearlized ecru, peach, reed. Clothing close to the body yet not clingy. Subtle and sexy.

The Shell collection takes its inspiration from seashells made bold and larger-than-life in printed jackets, sweaters and pants. Pearlized shell motifs in soft greens, creams and grays are seen on long sweaters and softly-tucked skirts. Boxed-pleated skirts display a novel option: buttoned along the side, they can be undone to show a hint of tanned leg.

The white and eucalyptus Lily collection is a fun collection of florals based on floating lily pads. Romantic and flowing, this grouping blossoms in sleeveless or short-sleeved tops, with pale eucalyptus-colored jackets fitting close to the body but allowing flexibility. Perfect for a picnic or a casual evening out when belted and topped with a darker green jacket.

The Colonial collection combines sand, bordeaux and anthracite in its inspired prints and solids. A wrap-scarf skirt enlivened by scenes of an Indian durbar, with matching scarf and ribbed top, blends the three colors in a one-of-a-kind print. Softly textured viscose blended with linen is featured in longer, straight jackets. Waistcoats function as blouses — belted and long. Sleeveless vests can be worn alone or with blouses underneath. Safari hats complete the look, a throwback to a more elegant era.

The 1993 Portara Spring collection contains five groupings, including Club Maritime and Tennis Club.

Tennis Club is inspired by the exclusive tennis clubs of the 1920s, the crisp whites and forest greens of a select style.

Sporty stripes on supple cotton sweaters and tops are casually slung over the shoulders or draped softly below the hips. Long flowing full skirts move with the body for easy comfort. Pants are wide, in sharp white or muted green. The collection hints of a dewy spring morning in a forest glade.

Club Maritime, with its summer at the seaside theme, is classic navy adapted in the unique Portara style.

Pants are inspired by wide-legged sailor pants with a double row of white buttons.

Skirts and dresses move gracefully in silk crepe-de-chine. Sweaters and tops show off the female figure subtly, hinting at décollete. A broad band of black encircles a pleated white skirt, matched with thinner stripes of white emphasizing cuffs and pockets. Buttons are important in a quiet way, adding a subtle touch of elegance without making a bold statement.

Red and white stripes in tops are matched with creamy casual jackets that can be dressed up for an evening or worn with ease at the seaside.

Ribbing in comfortable cottons is important as a way of flattering a woman's figure. Mock collars, reminiscent of the 1960s, make a comeback.

Mondi's versatility allows the woman with a sense of her own style to look casually elegant in whichever fashion she chooses, with colors that are always correct.

The 1993 collections are available in Toronto at Hazelton Lanes, Eaton Centre, and Bayview Village; and in Montreal at Ogilvy. They are also available in Holt Renfrew boutiques at the following locales: in Montreal at Fairview and Rockland Shopping Centres; in Toronto at Sherway Gardens and Yorkdale.

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Spring Fashion

Style news from Sehm

Quality, simplicity and sophisticated colors are the key words for summer '93.

Quality fabrics play an increasingly important role. Wool fabrics are a few grams heavier for a multiseason-oriented fashion; wool or cotton seersucker make a strong comeback; silk — pure or blended with linen, microfibres and synthetics: all transform the appearance and texture of fabrics.

Simple shapes remain structural but fluid and devoid of all superfluous details. Classic jackets — unstructured or shirt style — clearly prevail.

Colors are sophisticated and evoke nature and our environment: the stone of cities, the green of bushes, the blues of the skies and the color spectrum of the sea bed.

Main Line For The Season:

- A large range of fabrics with a strong trend towards false plains and minimalist prints.
- A wider range of classic jackets with 2 or 3 buttons, shirt style or short and drawn in at the waist for the more sophisticated lines.
- Trousers — slightly pleated or cigarette shaped and narrower.
- Two overcoat lengths knee or longer, very often with a flap-buttoning system.
- Timid return of the blouson jacket which comes in two colors for the summer.
- Duffle coats and parkas have become a regular feature of spring and winter collections alike.
- Several types of shirts: straight and classic, comfortable, double pockets, small open neck collars, wide and sleeveless tropical with a flap-buttoning system.
- In a more relaxed style: workwear jackets, overalls and jeans in rustic style fabrics (overdyed denim, tarpaulin, striped or gingham checked twill).
- T shirts for all occasions: under a jacket, with shorts on the beach, in very colorful silk or cotton.

Vegetation

A globetrotters style both for a city and casual look with easy to wear clothes: unlined jackets, comfortable trousers, shorts or bermudas, parkas, blouson jackets with contrasted linings. Fabrics: poplin, cotton gabardines, treated canvasses. Colors: fir green, yellowish green and corn yellow.

Stones

Delicate colors, many fabric combinations and mixes for a very sophisticated city style with suits, shirt-jackets and over jackets. Fabrics: Plain or false plain wool fabrics (small caviar dots, mini-checks, soft Prince of Wales checks). Super 100 percent cotton and wool, wool and silk, linen and silk, linen and viscose. Colors: neutral and soft and inspired by asphalt, cobblestones, chalk, pinkish beige, very pale almond and light grey.

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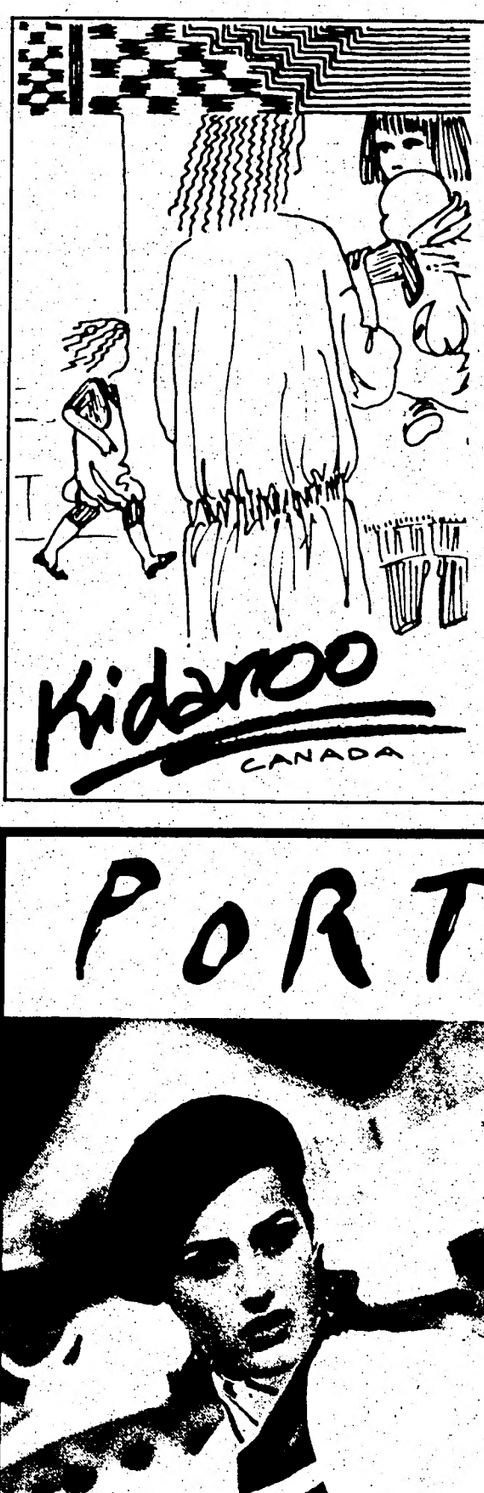

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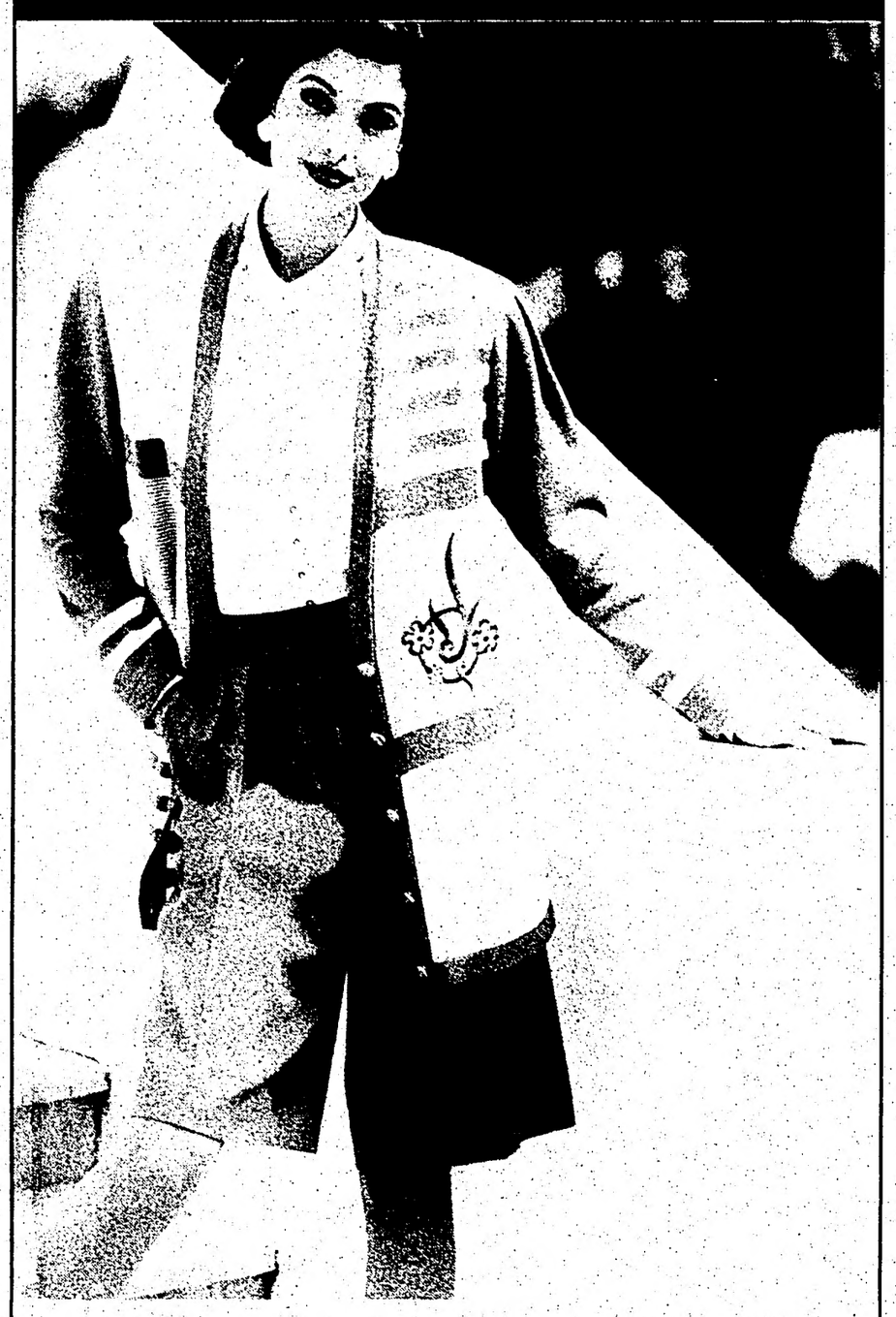

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TZATZ: Unique and eyecatching

By MARLA KAY

From humble beginnings in 1986, the brother/sister team of Stephen and Susan Lokash have been continuously turning out styles that are as unique as they are eye-catching.

Their Tzatz label has earned a following of loyal customers whose enthusiasm is reflected in this fashion company's continued expansion.

Their success can be attributed to a number of factors which enable Tzatz to stand above the rest. One reason is that Susan and Stephen's designs are always produced in very limited quantities. At most, they will cut two or three dozen of a particular style, and then it's on to something new. Customers like to know that when they buy something special at Tzatz, they won't see the same outfit walking down the street on someone else as soon as they leave the store.

"Tzatz fashions are not available anywhere else," states co-owner Susan. "Long ago, Stephen and I decided not to wholesale our line to any other store in order to maintain exclusivity for ourselves." With that, this designing duo made their foray into retailing with a tiny kiosk at Harbourfront in 1987.

Whether the outfit is for you or your children, Tzatz always offers something special and fun.

New fashions available each week

Five years later, they moved into 1,400 exquisitly detailed square feet on Yonge Street. The charming neoclassical interior design creates an air of timeless elegance while subtle details like aged hardwood flooring, faux paint effects and soft lighting creates an ambience of inviting warmth.

"Tzatz shoppers love the store and love the styles," says Susan. "They are looking for something special and appreciate the difference. Time and again, we hear complaints about the large fashion retailing chains who all seem to end up marketing the same fashion from the same designers, season after season. Perhaps then, it's not so surprising that many of our customers refuse to tell their friends where they purchased their outfit, preferring to evade inquiries with something like 'Oh, some nice little shop on Yonge Street.' "

Shoppers enjoy another distinct difference in the experience of always being able to find new styles with each new visit. Most retailers receive all of their season's shipments within a matter of weeks and consequently, the same goods are hanging in the store for months until the same thing happens all over again the following season. Since they manufacture every style they sell, Stephen and Susan are able to control the timing of their releases. They have new fashions coming in almost every week.

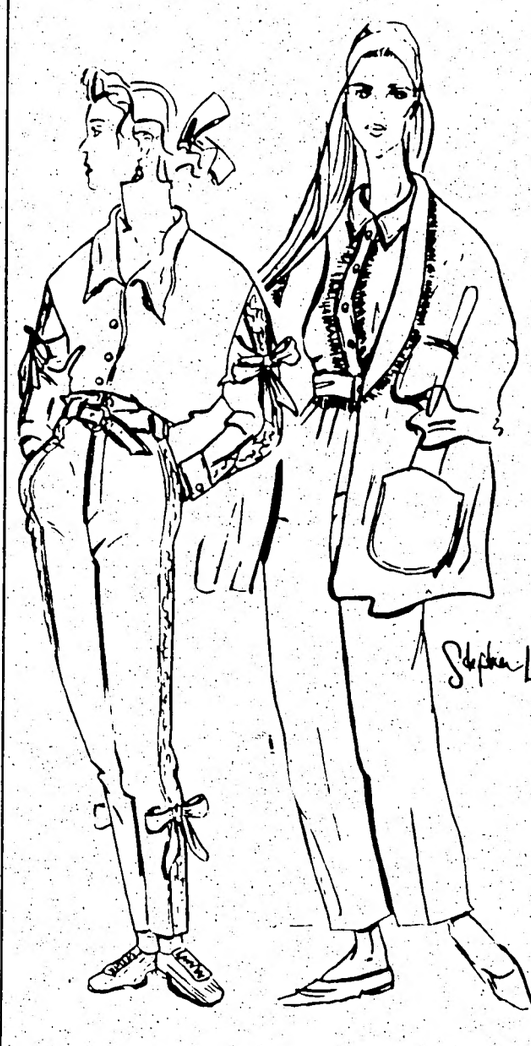
"Rarely a day goes by when we don't get at least one person in the store asking about the origins of our name," explains Stephen. "Tzatz (pronounced as a single syllable with a soft a exactly like the Greek yogurt dip tzatziki . . . but without the iki) is actually a shortened version of the Yiddish word tzatzkala. Loosely translated, a tzatzkala or tzatz is a good-looking, fun-loving girl. Someone who likes to be made up, dressed up, pampered and catered to.

"Anyone who has ever met my sister would know exactly what we mean. She is the classic tzatz."

Susan doesn't agree but is quick to add that, "it's more of a state of mind, an attitude, than anything else. Our customers come from all walks of life, are all ages, shapes and sizes. The common denominator is a desire to really look great, to look a little different and even turn some heads. It's this attitude that Stephen and I incorporate into our designs."

Tzatz has expanded not only it's retail location, but its' exciting clothing line as well. They now feature styles for men and children. All this in addition to the fun, fashion-forward designs for women which have made Tzatz famous. From the glitter of gold to the flash of rhinestones, the newer, larger Tzatz shows it all of to a T.

Tzatz is located at 2512½ Yonge St. in Toronto.



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Contemporary styling

Jean Airoldi, a young Italian fashion designer based in Quebec, is releasing his 10th complete line of ready-to-wear garments for women.

Firmly established in the Quebec market, Airoldi now courts the national and international markets, starting with the other provinces of Canada. He is on the verge of penetrating the U.S. market through New York City.

Recognized for his talent and obsession with details, Airoldi leaves no one indifferent; his style appeals to the contemporary, daring female who likes to seduce without offering.

The materials that inspire him most are natural fibres such as silk, cotton and, in particular, linen, which can now be treated to be less easily wrinkled. The 1993 Jean Airoldi collection is named The Return of Airoldi's Teddy Bear. Using colors inspired by nature, the teddy bear is back, leaving his mark on highly authentic shapes that suggest tradition.

The unusual material mixes and the innovative styles are sure to spell success for Jean Airoldi's spring collection.

Materials — Unusual mixes

The authentic atmosphere lends itself to the fineness of natural fibres: chiffon, pure cotton, jute and linen imported from Austria, specially treated not to wrinkle so easily. The fabrics and patterns bring us back to nature; wood appliques, jute fringes, macrame, leopard prints in matching tones, stripes and lots of Airoldi teddy bear imprints. Lace and transparencies afford fluidity to the female carriage.

Shapes — Lengthier appeal

The softness of the extended lines conveys a certain elegance to the garments. The long dress, fully hugging the figure, can be worn even during the day. The feminine jackets are perfect partners for the long skirts that reveal the legs only through multiple slits. As for pants, they once again have a more ample cut. The shorts take a light and romantic look with their white or black lace. Introducing the frilly blouse, reminding us of a nearly forgotten era. The hemstitching lends freshness to the fabrics, organza transparencies soften the lines, a symbol of the star that lights up warm spots.

Colors — Inspired by nature

Traditional values also are reflected in the summer colors. Maple, white, dark blue, frosted lilac and powder green are a sign of the times. Serene combinations in bicolor or tricolor versions, often revealed by house stripes manufactured on the fabrics. The black and white classics are worn separately or combined, and they match perfectly with vegetable red for that unequivocal look. The atmosphere conveyed by these shades confirms the impression of softness and perfect harmony.

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HOME RUN!

Major league baseball jewelry

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

When Toronto actor Gerry Salsberg gave his business partner, Zoey Adams, a diamond baseball ring he designed for her birthday, he hit a home run.

In a matter of months an entire collection of handmade sterling silver baseball jewelry was born from his original ring design — a baseball diamond with diamonds on the bases — and Salsberg and Adams got the go-ahead from Major League Baseball to sell the jewelry in Toronto.

The wheels started turning after several friends remarked on what a good idea the ring was. Salsberg and Adams took the design to Quick Silver, a Canadian manufacturer that specializes in theme-type jewellery. "Quick Silver has a very good reputation for doing quality sterling silver," says Salsberg.

Luckily, the company was looking for just such a product. "They had been thinking of something oriented to sports," he said. "Our timing was perfect."

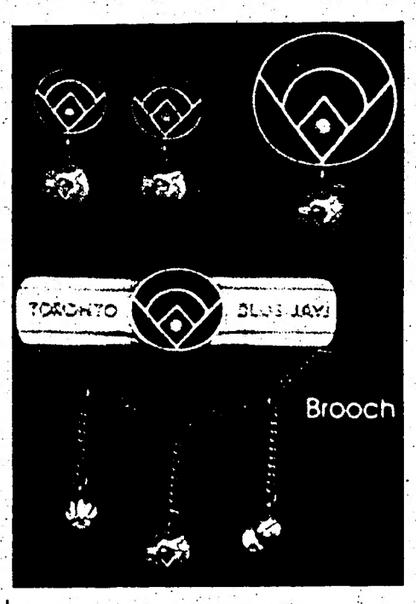
Salsberg and Adams struck a deal with the company, and Quick Silver's owners, Glen Schwendinger and Nathan Kikot, immediately had a prototype of the ring developed in the Far East, making some changes to the original design. "The manufacturer in Thailand was unfamiliar with baseball, so we had to keep on sending it back," says Salsberg.

Last May Salsberg and Adams took their design — a cubic zirconium set on a pitcher's mound with green and tan enamelling in the background, to represent the infield and outfield of a baseball diamond — to Time Warner Incorporated, who then licensed all Major League products.

Although they were enthusiastic about the design, Time Warner and Major League Baseball wanted more than a ring, so Salsberg, Adams and Quick Silver put together a sterling silver collection that includes the ring, two styles of earrings, a brooch, a necklace, a pendant and a bracelet.

Three months later they were licensed to sell the jewelry, stamped with the Blue Jay logo, in Canada. It made its way into the stores, including numerous gift shops across Canada, by late November.

"Unfortunately the jewelry did not come out in time for the World Series," said Salsberg. "We are looking at being in the Sky Dome for the new season and a possible contract with Eatons."



Versatile jewelry straddles the line

Regarding the uniqueness of his collection, he says, "The appealing thing [about jewelry] is it straddles the line between souvenir and decorative jewelry." He pointed out that the pieces are versatile — they can be worn with a Blue Jays sweatshirt or business clothes.

Salsberg calls the jewelry novelty items that play on the diamond ring concept — diamonds are forever — by incorporating an actual diamond on a diamond.

Given the high quallity of the collection, prices are very reasonable. The ring goes for $35, the stud-like earrings are $45 and the bracelet, the most expensive item, is $80.

He said his partner is looking for an American licensee, which would enable them to sell their jewelry in the 26 major league cities in the United States. They would use the same design, he explained, and the various team logos could be stamped onto the pieces.

However, success in the Canadian market, especially in Toronto, the major baseball market in Canada, will determine the future of his baseball jewelry. "We have to prove ourselves in Canada," he said.

Along with their jewelry venture, Salsberg and Adams own Live And In Print. Salsberg, a professional actor for 20 years, and Adams, a singer, actress and comedian, have been partners for seven years.

Through Live And In Print they provide corporate entertainment, staging murder mysteries, game shows and musicals at banquets.

Most recently they put on a mini-musical for Conrad Black. Entitled *Citizen Black*, the show was a take-off on an Andrew Lloyd Webber play. Adams had the role of Black's wife, journalist Barbara Amiel, and Salsberg played Black. Salsberg reported that Black enjoyed the show.

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By MARLA KAY

The long months of winter are finally coming to an end and thoughts of warm spring days and a hot summer are upon us. We've all made resolutions to firm up our bodies so that our swimwear won't look scary on us.

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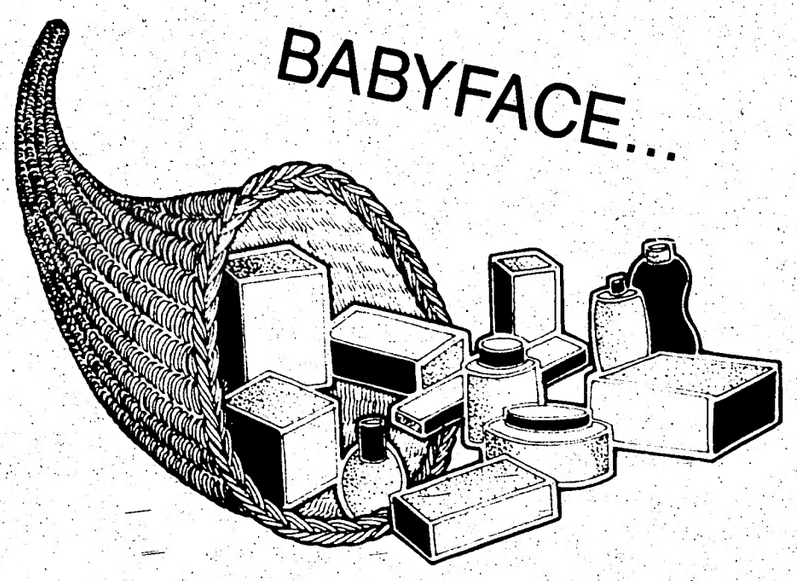

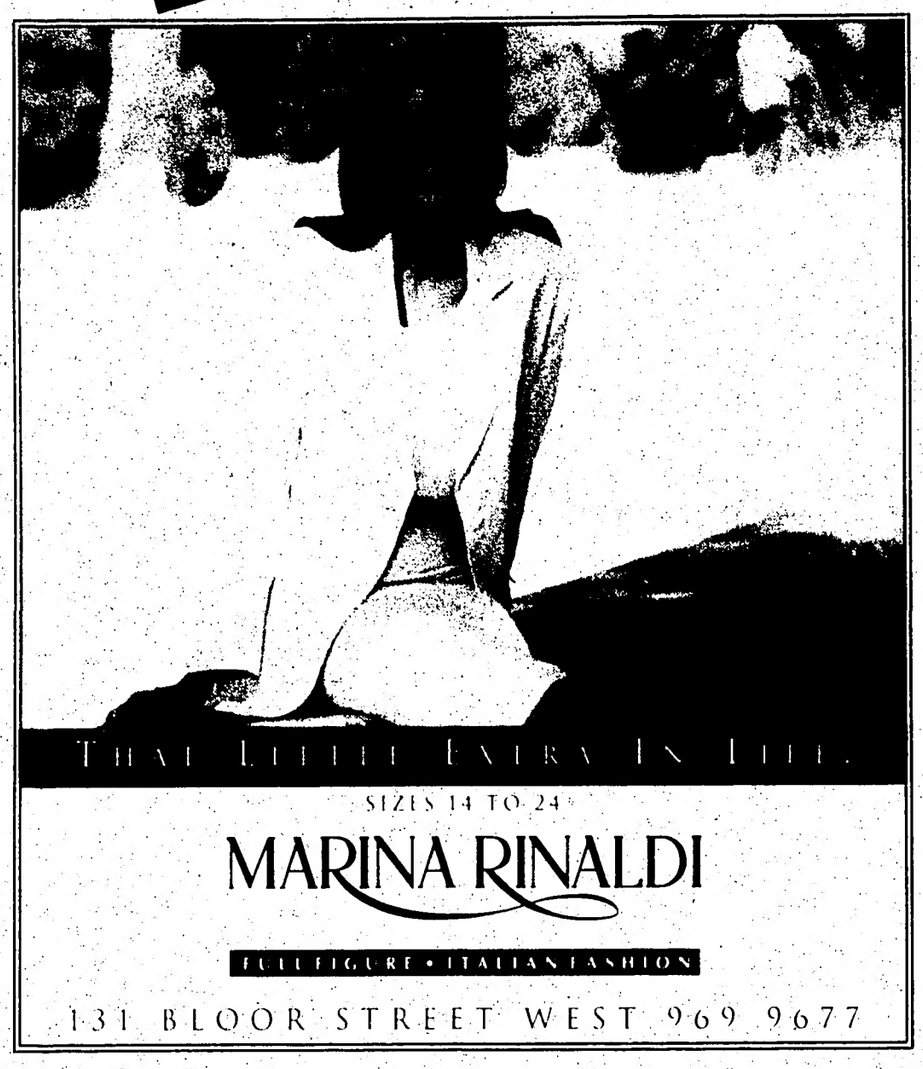

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Spring Fashion

Mister Leonard: FRESH VIBRANT FEMININE

Fresh colors, soft textures, feminine fashion — that's the story this spring as Mister Leonard unveils an outstanding collection designed for easy wardrobe choices every day of the week.

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"Today's working woman doesn't have time to worry about what to wear every morning. So we've developed a simple strategy to make it easy," says Lorne Gertner, president of Mister Leonard.

Gathering the freshest trend inspiration from around the globe, Mister Leonard presents collection clothing perfectly suited for business, casual evenings and relaxed weekends. Soft jackets, long slit skirts, easy pleated pants, short-sleeved shirts and body-skimming dresses are shaped to flatter and fit real Canadian women. A refreshing palette ranges from watered pales and warm buttery tones to vivid brights in breezy, cool wools, cottons, skills and linen blends.

The Atlantic Odyssey

Cool winds, blue skies, rolling waves . . . red, white and navy nauticals evoke the free spirit of the sea. Whether you're walking on the boardwalk or off to a business lunch, you'll be fashionable and comfortable wearing these classics. Mister Leonard adds a new twist to nauticals with bright surf green and sun yellow in long, shapely double-breasted jackets to wear over cuffed, pleated pants and flowing, front-buttoned skirts. There are hopsack linen-blend and regatta-striped suitings, and embroidery details on shirts, knits and tanks. For the perfect finish, specially-designed jewelry includes delicate gold mesh necklaces, pearls set in knotted-gold earrings and bunches of pure white beaded necklaces mixed with shiny gold.

Desert Hues

Warm golden light, sand dunes, rich, sun-baked color. Desert hues of sand, straw and cream cover soft, fluid textures in a safari-inspired collection of silk, rayon, linen, and knits. Jackets are easy and long, collarless or with lapels — and tailored in fitting safari-style with short sleeves. Lightweight, delicately-embroidered linen blouses and camisoles are right out of Africa, worn with side-buttoned shorts or long wrap skirts to open in the breeze. Wild leopard prints meld with gold medallions in a rich interpretation of animal instinct, covering jackets, blouses and long, loose skirts.

Garden Flower

The romance of an English garden. Lush, sunlit afternoons blooming with brilliant roses, irises, and tulips. Mister Leonard captures the beauty of garden flowers in a bouquet of feminine co-ordinates. Soft silk, cotton, viscose and rayon flow in collarless jackets, wide leg pants, cuffed walking shorts, dainty blouses and fitted shells. Impressionist brushstrokes cover notch-lapelled jackets and matching full skirts with vibrant blooms. A long and lanky sleeveless jacket is elegant over a sweeping, gored skirt. Flowers blossom in embroidery details on T-shirts and tank tops in bright splashes of iris, sun rose and limedrop complementing co-ordinates in matching novelty plaids. Golden earrings trimmed with iris and rose-colored hearts and finely-worked gold link chains lend a gentle touch.

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Strong statements in bold black, vivid red and soft cream stride into the boardroom with confidence and style. A tailored black jacket with contrast cream piping is particularly smart and can be worn with a slim skirt or perfectly-pleated white pants. Novelty plaids and tiny checks in black and cream are shaped in coat-dresses and in jackets that are short and streamlined, or long and curvy with deeply-notched lapels. These work with matching slim skirts and walking shorts or long, solidly-shaded front-buttoned skirts.

A Delicate Balance

Lady-like elegance, sophisticated style. Delicate shades of aqua and lilac are refined with navy and ivory in exquisitely-textured, crepe-finished wool and smooth silk. A crisp, cut-away jacket with covered buttons and a cropped, notch-collared hound-stooth jacket highlight a collection that includes straight skirts, kicky little pleaters, long slit skirts, tailored pants, and a curvy front-buttoned dress. There are short-sleeved shells, comfortable cardigan jackets and a range of embroidered T-shirts and tanks. Soft flowers, diamonds and chiclet-prints decorate blouses and skirts. Balance the look with simple, sculptured shapes in necklaces and earrings; gold silver daisy earrings, and braided chain links.

Fade to Blue

Tried-and-true denim blues are cool comforts this spring, and the first choice of the world's top designers. Mister Leonard interprets denim with alabaster to create a soft, light mood. There are flowing chambray skirts and shirts, '50s style sleeveless blouses, pencil-slim denim skirts, five-pocket jeans, and relaxed boyfriend jackets. Knits are printed in subtle shades of blue-on-blue florals blended with alabaster and styled in scoop-necked T-shirts, tailored jackets, camisoles, shorts and long skirts. Blouses and T-shirts are detailed with matching floral embroidery, and cosy cotton sweaters are styled with stripes and crests.

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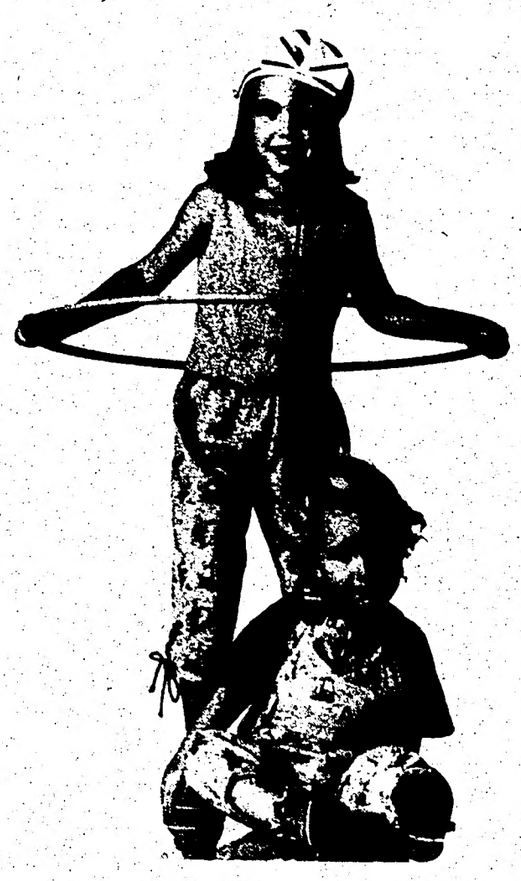

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By CAROL WISE-RICHMOND

Trees budding and flowers blooming are sure signs that tell us that springtime has arrived. As we change our attitude and lighten up our clothing, we must also close attention to changing our make-up style and skin care regime.

"What is new in make-up?" is the question I am asked repeatedly at this time of the year. Soft and sultry earth tone eye-shadow brushed lightly on the lid for daytime and accented with black eyeliner for evening. Well defined (use pencil or brush-on-brow) eyebrows will frame your face and add drama, while lips will be full and sensuous.

Mascara is essential, use one that is rich and creamy, or, if you are a little adventurous, false eyelashes are really in vogue. Don't be intimidated, they are easier to apply than you think. An eyelash curler will help to make your natural lashes appear fuller and longer. Make sure you curl them before applying your mascara.

Choose a foundation to match your skin tone, or perhaps one or two shades darker. Be sure to blend very, very well to give you that soft and silky look. A lightly textured liquid foundation is your best choice at this time of the year. A cream foundation compact, applied sparingly, can also be very effective.

With a large soft brush, dust your whole face with translucent powder. This will help keep your make-up on for a longer period of time. A pressed powder compact is great to keep in your purse for that last minute touch-up.

Sweep dusty rose colored blush on your cheekbones. Blend well with a soft sponge to give you that natural healthy glow.

Your lips will still be your main focal point, so give them special attention. Earth tone colors will be most popular this season. Use lip pencil generously to give your lips lots of definition.

Take care of your skin, apply your make-up thoughtfully and have a great spring.

Carol Wise-Richmond promotes a total concept of beauty. She specializes in makeup application and instructions for women in all walks of life. Carol's career in beauty has taken her to work in New York and Los Angeles. Her host of clients have included such celebrities as Sally Struthers, Sarah Purcell and Lynda Carter. She now works exclusively in the Toronto area and can be reached at 510-2245.

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Linda Lundstrom hits the beaches

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But pleasurable times of sharing and relaxing with friends have been shown to be beneficial in creating a sense of well-being and renewed self-confidence. They can also bring a return to healthy activity and enhanced relationships.

Swimsuits designed to accommodate a prosthesis are available, although the styles often do nothing to enhance a woman's self esteem and certainly don't make her feel like the belle of the beach. Available only in specialty mastectomy stores, embarrassment and a veil of secrecy is added to a woman's trauma.

Linda Lundstrom has taken a stand and created swimsuits that look no different from her regular swimsuits. They're bright, they're flashy, they come in a variety of styles and beautiful colors.

This swimwear is ingenious. Every little detail has been addressed. Not every one has the same size bust so removable rows of stitching have been added to the bustline to adjust the size of the pocket that fits the prosthesis.

Looking at the exterior of these swimsuits, there is nothing to suggest that they have been made for that special woman.

They are exciting, flattering and sexy and part of a complete collection of easy-to-pack, easy-to-plan co-ordinating resort wear. Linda Lundstrom swimwear cannot be found behind a dark veil. Just look for a pretty pink bow attached to the shoulder strap.

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Recently, Amera had considerable success south of the border. With the customer consistently a top priority, designer Mera Angus feels it is important to please both markets. Thus, her newest line encompasses a wide variety of colors and styles to suit her growing clientele.

Because of the south's love of cruise and beach wear, Amera has created dresses, skirts and jackets in cool, comfortable viscose and jaunty jacquard/pique mixes. Bright, abstract splashes of red, blue, and exuberant purple hues bring a wonderful touch of frivolity to the collection.

Spicy madras plaids in sunset oranges and forest green are mixed with the casual look of midnight blue denim in fitted skirts, dresses, shorts and jackets. The result is a smart, fresh, easy-to-wear look with a dash of style and flair.

For the career woman, sunny polka dots and colorful stripes in vibrant yellow and deep navy add a touch of whimsy to the fluid elegance of rayon skirts and dresses. Smart coral and periwinkle checks brighten the collection's tailored jackets and skirts — perfect for the woman who appreciates classic, elegant design sprinkled with bold, exciting colors.

Always attentive to the finest of details in all of her designs, Mera Angus has created loose, billowy shirts and jackets in a crisp white linen. The garments tie at the waist, and feature generous collars and striking french cuffs.

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The Spring/Summer 1993 collection from Franco Mirabelli draws on Italy's colors, textures and moods.

Milano

The ultra-chic appeal of simple uncluttered lines. Menswear influences continue in a sand-colored pinstripe with a longer double-breasted jacket, wide-leg cuffed pants and the new seven-button vest, all in cool wool.

Navy/taupe houndstooth linen explodes into oversized and mini proportions with the skinny pant and long curvy vest. Always clean and uncluttered, the classic cardigan jacket is streamlined to a new three-button slimness.

Spring '93 introduces shorts that will appeal to every figure type. The sarong short makes news, hot pants are reserved for those with brave thighs and the Sophia Loren-inspired tap pant is for a more feminine look.

Firenze

Exciting, open to international influences and always modern and fun. The short-sleeved jacket returns in a trim semi-fitted collarless version. The newest partners include the skinny pant and the long slim skirt. The fabric is a modern neutral, a smoke blue linen/viscose.

Neat fitted lines dominate the latest jackets, as in the three-button riding jacket in a smoke/taupe pinstripe linen blend. The wedding jacket is a flirty fitted number with exaggerated peaks and a hem that stops short of the hips.

Roma

Modern life set against an ancient backdrop turns out urban dressing in earthy neutrals of coral and grey linen. The only suit for warm-weather chic: the skinny pant and the four-button collarless jacket with its long curvy lines, flap pockets and short sleeves. The traditional banker's vest turns over a new leaf as a long oversized sleeveless top.

Sardegna

The warm breeze and vibrant colors of this exotic yet calm island inspire vivid floral prints and bright linens. Hot-weather dressing requires sexy halter tops, long, flowing front-button skirts and body-skimming peasant dress in a coral flower print.

Feminine and modern describe Mirabelli's collection.

Brilliant red and orange stand alone in pure linen or get together to create a floral print linen. Yellow, red, green, and khaki mix into viscose fruit print.

Capri

The beautiful colors of the Bay of Naples stimulate the senses with shades of the Mediterranean waters. Perfect for luxurious living, the long-fitted front-buttoned halter shows up in a richly textured linen/viscose. Gingham and houndstooth checks, in both blue and lilac combos, take care of the heat in hot pants, the riding jacket, the four-button short sleeve jacket and the long side slit skirt. Summer living means easy clothing like the relaxed single-button jacket cut long and east-in-wear over everything.

Venezia

This seductive city inspires mystery and modern subtlety. Temptation is quiet yet effective with the 36-inch pencil-thin skirt with a back slit or the portrait neckline on the five button short-sleeve top, in blue sage or stone linen.

The Franco Mirabelli collection can be found at his Portfolio stores located in the Toronto Eaton Centre, 456 Eglinton Ave. W., and other fine specialty retailers across Canada and the United States.

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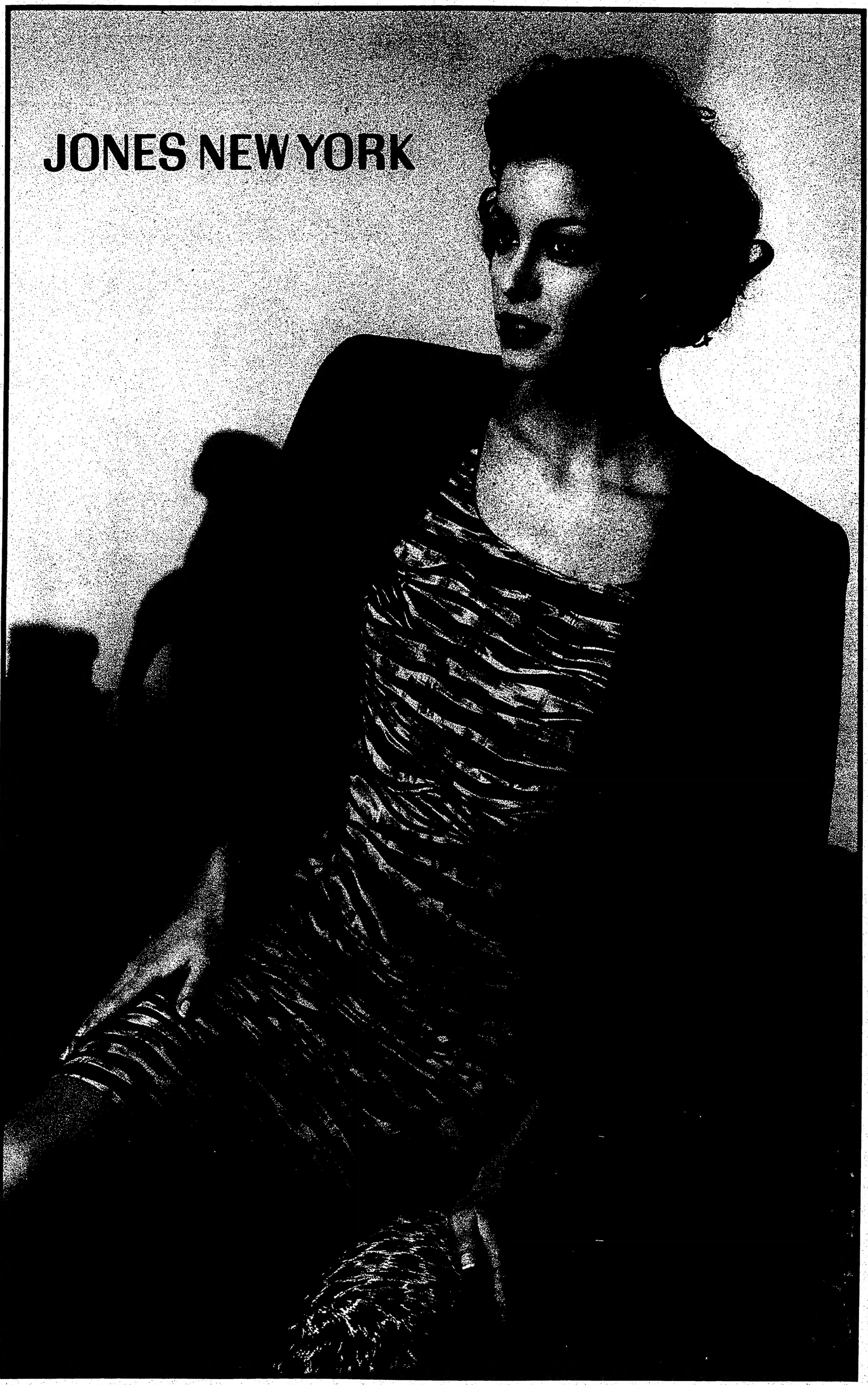
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